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## MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED

# Foreclosed Vacant Property Must Be Registered

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs City Council approved an ordinance concerning registration procedures for vacant property 5-0 in a roll call vote Monday night. Chasidy Chappell was absent.

A first reading of the ordinance was heard at a special called meeting Aug. 29. Since council members had more than two weeks to study the document, a complete second reading was waived. Ordinance 92B establishes a registration and maintenance program for residential properties which are vacated due to foreclosure. Creditors must register property as vacant on the day foreclosure is filed.

No action was taken to approve the city's cable franchise contract which was tabled last month pending additional information from city attorney Ben Leonard. Leonard was unable to attend Monday's meeting.

The council voted unanimously to appoint Mike Marsili to fill the seat vacated by John Rogers' resignation on the City Water and Sewer System board.

Chief of Police Bill Crider presented an update on the response to the No Loitering signs which have been placed in the municipal park. "We feel the program has been very successful," Crider said. "It has preserved city property and city money."

According to Crider, vandalism has virtually stopped, and the amount of trash in the park has also greatly decreased. While there have been a few complaints, far more compliments have been received. Crider told the council he has had positive response from neighbors, park users, and parents of athletes practicing in the park as well as from city government officials.

Mayor Jenny Sewell, who authorized the no loitering campaign, thanked Crider for the efforts made by the police department. "It's sad that we have to take that stand," she said.

In her mayor's supplement, Sewell noted that prospects are good for receiving funding for up to six houses a year for rehabbing owner-occupied homes. However, there is no official confirmation at this time.

The flood plain map will likely be revised as of Jan. 10, 2014, lowering it by approximately seven feet.

Work has begun on the tennis and basketball courts in the municipal park. Sewell said she hopes to have funds left in the grant to repair the lights as well.

Members of the Kentucky Arts Council were in the community Aug. 28. They have offered to help with the development of information.

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## COACH HERE FOR THREE YEARS

# Teacher Faces Multiple Charges Due To 911 Call

A teacher and coach in the local school system was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department after allegedly making a drunken 911 call Aug. 30.

Erik S. Peyton, 34, of Hanson, who has taught high school special education and coached the varsity girls basketball team in the Dawson Springs school system for the past three years, was charged with harassing communications, alcohol intoxication in a public place, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. According to a story in Thursday's edition of The Messenger, Peyton is expected to plead not guilty to the charges.

The sheriff's office reported Peyton called Hopkins County Central Dispatch with a drug complaint at 9:48 p.m. Aug. 30, making demands as to how the situation should be handled. When sheriff's deputies arrived at his home, Peyton admitted to being intoxicated. He walked outside the residence, shouting and cursing at the deputies, and refused to follow orders to put his hands behind his back, the report said.

Peyton, who was released on bond from the Hopkins County Detention Center, is still an employee of the Dawson Springs Board of Education. Interim superintendent Alexis Seymore was not available for comment Tuesday but told The Messenger last week that no action would be taken concerning Peyton's employment until after his court date on Monday.

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## FREE HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND DRINKS

# Police, Fire Department Open House Is Friday

By Carolyn Walker

Free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served. Police and fire vehicles and equipment will be on display, and visitors can bring cameras and make pictures. An inflatable will be available for the children, and plastic helmets, badges and other items will be given away.

"The concept of the open house is to allow the public to have positive interactions with emergency services," said Police Chief Bill Crider.

"It's an attempt to educate the public as to what emergency services do and showcase the equipment that we have."

The event is sponsored by Clark Distributing and Budweiser of Hopkinsville.

According to Crider, the donated money is used to purchase supplies for the open house locally.

Crider described the open house as a "chance for kids to play and have fun and for parents to come down." In case of rain, the activities will be moved to the station.

"Everyone gets free refreshments and a chance to kick back and have a good time," Crider said. "Bring a lawn chair and join us."



**NEIGHBORS** Jerrol Miller (left) and Mike King work hard to mow their yards last week. Most local residents have been mowing every five to seven days because of the wet conditions this summer.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell



**WANDA HUGHES** (left) serves punch to Dana Nichols during the Dawson Springs Branch Library's ribbon cutting and open house Thursday, Sept. 12. Library officials opened a new computer lab and other improvements which were funded by donations. Looking on is librarian Mary Adams (center).

# State Police Are Investigating Death

Kentucky State Police are investigating the death of a Paducah man found deceased in a pickup truck near Dawson Springs Thursday.

A construction worker in the Interstate 69 work zone notified authorities after discovering the body, now identified as Timothy Hickman, 53, at approximately 2 p.m. The truck was parked in the southbound lane near the construction site for the new interchange.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed at the West Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office in Madisonville. Foul play was not suspected.

The investigation by Detective Dan Morck is continuing.

# Gasoline Prices Fall In State, City

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 10.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has decreased 4.5 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.54.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs Tuesday morning were \$3.43, compared to \$3.48 and \$3.59, one week ago.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 41.7 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 10.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 2.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 31.6 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The national average has seen some downward direction in the last week, but the best is likely yet to come,"

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**LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST**

Wed 9/18	Thu 9/19	Fri 9/20	Sat 9/21	Sun 9/22
86/66 A few showers early in the day.	86/66 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	82/61 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in low 80s, lows in low 60s.	77/52 Some sun and clouds. Highs in upper 70s, lows in low 50s.	78/51 Mainly sunny. Highs in upper 70s and lows in low 50s.

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# Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Scotty L. Brown, 40, Springs Inn Motel, 207 E. Arcadia Ave., Room 8, was arrested Sept. 10 at Springs Inn. He was charged with failure to comply with the sex offender registry. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Steven M. Hildebrand, 30, 2160 Union Temple Road, St. Charles, was arrested Sept. 11 on Holmes Street. He was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license and failure to surrender a revoked operator's license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Leigh A. Johnson, 43, Holmes Cook Road, Princeton, was arrested Sept. 11 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Troy A. Cotton, 45, Alexander Street, was arrested Sept. 12 on Alexander Street. He was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place and second-degree disorderly conduct. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Patricia K. Morgan,

557 Oak Hill Circle, Nortonville, was arrested Sept. 12 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with failure to appear (Christian County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—A 14-year-old Dawson Springs female was arrested Sept. 13 at 440 E. Arcadia Ave. She was charged with two counts of theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

A local man was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Christopher R. Boyd, 28, 307 Franklin St., was charged Sept. 10 with two counts of contempt of court.

Three Dawson Springs women were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

—Amber G. Evans, 34, Charleston Road, was charged Sept. 1 with failure to pay fines.

—Holly Cooper, 30, Daylight Road, was charged Sept. 5 with failure to appear in court.

—Carl L. Detalente, 41, Morgan Street, was charged Sept. 5 with fourth-degree assault and disorderly conduct.



BAILEY MOORE barely makes a safe catch in the water balloon relay at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

## Ky. State Police Post 2 Reports August Activities

For the month of August, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 1,550 citations, 492 speeding citations, 150 seat belt citations, 23 child restraint citations and 640 courtesy notices. They arrested 31 impaired drivers, investigated 66 traffic crashes, assisted 198 stranded motorists, responded to 926 calls for service, made 249 criminal arrests and opened 61 criminal cases.

One fatal crash that resulted in the loss of one life was reported in the Post 2 District in August. The fatality occurred in Muhlenberg County, and the victim was not wearing a seat belt.

Through Aug. 31, 16 fatal crashes that resulted in the loss of 18 lives were reported in the Post 2 District. Nine victims were not wear-

ing seat belts; three victims were wearing seat belts; one victim was not wearing a helmet; and the seat belt status of five victims is not known. Two fatality crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through Aug. 31, 2012, 17 people had been killed in 17 crashes in the Post 2 District.

Throughout the month, troopers from Post 2 will conduct traffic safety checkpoints. The traffic safety checkpoints are utilized to promote safety for motorists and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws.

For traffic safety checkpoint locations, refer to [www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2\\_checkpoints.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.htm).

## Sixteen Die In Crashes On Highways Last Week

Sixteen people died as the result of injuries sustained in 14 motor vehicle-related crashes on Kentucky roads from Sept. 9 through Sept. 15.

One double-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Allen County.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Bell, Boone, Carter, Fayette, Graves, Johnson, Russell, Shelby and Warren. The victims in Carter, Fayette and Johnson counties were not wearing seat belts.

One single-fatality motorcycle crash occurred in Mason County. The victim was not wearing a helmet, and the suspected use of alcohol was involved.

One single-fatality ATV crash occurred in Owen County. The victim was not wearing a helmet.

Two pedestrians were killed in Shelby County.

One person was killed in Harlan County after jumping from a moving vehicle.

Through Sept. 15, preliminary statistics indicate 446 people have lost their lives

on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 78 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012. Of the 343 motor vehicle fatalities, 170 victims were not wearing seat belts. Forty of the 61 motorcycle fatalities were not wearing helmets. The seven ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. One bicycle rider and 34 pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. One person died after jumping from a moving vehicle. A total of 95 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of Sept. 15, Kentucky has had 65 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

# Managed Care Contracts Awarded To Serve Ky.

The commonwealth of Kentucky has signed contracts with three managed care organizations to provide healthcare services to Kentuckians who will be newly eligible for coverage under the expansion of Medicaid, a provision of the Affordable Care Act.

Beginning Oct. 1, individuals in 104 Kentucky counties who are determined to be newly eligible for Medicaid will be able to choose Anthem, Humana or Passport as their healthcare provider for coverage effective Jan. 1, 2014. The three new MCOs are in addition to Coventry and WellCare, which are currently serving this area.

Under the terms of the contract, the three MCOs will initially serve exclusively the more than 300,000 who will be newly eligible for Medicaid under the expansion on Jan. 1. Contracts awarded are for an initial 18 months

with three one-year renewal options. Beginning in July 2014, the 540,000 who are currently Medicaid members will also be able to choose Anthem, Humana or Passport as their managed care company or may choose to stay with their current MCO.

"More than 300,000 Kentuckians are expected to be newly eligible for healthcare coverage through Medicaid beginning in January 2014," said Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Tayse Hayes. "As a part of the cabinet's continuing effort to expand choice and access to care, I am pleased that we are able to offer these new Medicaid members the opportunity to choose from such reputable providers. We are excited about the improved health outcomes that will result from so many people having health insurance coverage, many for the first time."

## Nortonville Search Leads To Felony Drug Arrests

The Kentucky State Police arrested four Nortonville residents on drug-related charges last week.

Trooper Bob Winters, Detective Carlo Anderson and Sgt. Derek Smith executed a search warrant at a residence on Oak Hill Circle Sept. 10 at approximately 11:02 a.m. They located hydrocodone and drug paraphernalia in the residence of Larry Oglesby, 45; Janet Maawed, 58; Dennis Terry, 38; and Patricia Morgan, 43. All four subjects were arrested without incident.

Oglesby was charged with trafficking in a second-degree controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Maawed was charged with trafficking in a second-degree controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence.

Terry was charged with trafficking in a second-degree controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence and illegal possession of a legend drug.

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ASHTON MITCHELL wraps her freshman classmates Leandra Reed (center) and Erin Woolsey in the "mummy wrap" event at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

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## Public Fish Fry Planned At Union Temple Church

Pastor David Hoard and the congregation of Union Temple Baptist Church invite the public to a fish fry

Sept. 29 following the morning service.

For information, phone 797-2032.

## Dearmond Family Singers Featured At Ilsley Church

Ilsley Community Church will host a singing featuring The Dearmond Family at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Bro. Johnny Gibson and the congregation invite the public to attend. For additional information, phone 322-3132.

## Freedom To Fish Solution Sought By Congressmen

From The Times Leader

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, has announced significant progress in reaching a permanent solution to prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from permanently restricting access to the tailwaters near Cumberland River Dams.

At the request of Whitfield and other interested colleagues, language was included as part of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA). WRRDA was released from the House Transportation Infrastructure Committee earlier this week.

"While I am pleased we were able to enact a two year delay on the corps' plan to restrict access to fishing, I am now focused on enacting a permanent solution to stop the corps' overreach," Whitfield said in a news release issued by his office. "This legislation is the result of the corps' failure to listen to the people of Kentucky on an issue that impacts our livelihoods, way of life and local economy of Western Kentucky."

Whitfield ushered a two-year moratorium on the installation of the corps' barricades back in June. His next step is passing a permanent ban on the corps barricades, which will be accomplished through the language that Whitfield requested to be part of WRRDA. Sens. Mc-

Connell, Paul, and Alexander have been instrumental in moving the necessary language through the Senate.

The next step for WRRDA is passage by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. After the legislation is voted favorably out of committee, it will be considered by the entire House of Representatives. It will then go to a conference committee with the Senate to work out the various differences between the two bills. Assuming a conference agreement is reached, the President will then sign it into law.

"Today signifies just another hurdle cleared in our effort to protect one of our favorite pastimes, and I will continue working until this legislation is signed into law," Whitfield said in the news release.

There are other notable inclusions in WRRDA at the request of Whitfield, including:

—Key pieces of Whitfield's bipartisan Waterways are Vital for the Economy, Energy, Efficiency, and Environment Act (WAVE 4) that would ensure that America's inland waterway system can meet the current and future demands of the 21st century economy;

—Funding mechanism for inland waterways, small ports and harbors dredging and maintenance; and

—Increase in authorization for the Paducah Flood Wall project.

## KET Lists Upcoming Programs

The fifth season of Education Matters on KET kicks off Sept. 23 with host Bill Goodman and his guests discussing the 700,000 Kentucky adults who lack a high school diploma and the issue's significance for all Kentuckians. The program

airs at 8 p.m.

On Sept. 22, Bill Goodman, host of KET's One to One, sits down with Carey Smith, founder and CEO of Big Ass Fans in Lexington. One to One can be seen at noon.

## OBITUARIES

### Services Are Sunday For Floyd W. Hook Sr.

The funeral for Floyd Wiley Hook Sr., 81, of Paducah, was held Sunday at Milner and Orr Funeral Home.

The Rev. Joe Harper officiated. Entombment was at Mount Kenton Cemetery.

Hook died at 4:12 p.m. Sept. 12, 2013, at Lourdes Hospital.

He was born Feb. 26, 1932, in Madisonville, to the late Wylie Robert Hook and Eileen Marie Putnam Hook.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was awarded a Purple Heart. He retired from environmental control with the city of Chicago and was a member of First Baptist Church of Nortonville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Carolyn Ann Hook; two sisters, Virginia Todd and Beulah Hook; and a brother, Lonnie Hook.

Survivors include his



FLOYD HOOK

wife of 56 years, Betty Lou Griffith Hook; three daughters, Brenda Aviles, Linda Montgomery and Trudy Helton, all Paducah; two sons, Floyd Wayne Hook and Bobby Hook, both Paducah; two brothers, Charlie Hook, Henderson, and Alvin Hook, Nortonville; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to any US Bank location for the care of Hook's wife Betty, who is in hospice care.

### Funeral Is Tomorrow For Cassandra DeHart Steele

The funeral for Cassandra "Sandy" Kay DeHart Steele, 44, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. tonight.

Dr. Calvin Bryant will officiate. Burial will be in Hawkins Cemetery.

Mrs. Steele died at 5:40 p.m. Sept. 16, 2013, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born Jan. 10, 1969, in Christian County, to James and Ethel Knight DeHart.

She was a care giver and a member of Charleston First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Steele, Dawson Springs; two daughters, Cynthia Winstead and Julie Steele, both Dawson Springs; a son, Joshua Steele, Dawson



CASSANDRA STEELE

Springs; two sisters, Pam Ahlert and Judy Solis, both Dawson Springs; a brother, Link DeHart, White Plains; and one grandchild.

Pall bearers will be John Winstead, Ralph Ahlert, Timothy Reed, Joe Winstead, Michael Solis and Gary Ahlert.

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## Toad Toxin Proves Fatal To Pet Yorkshire Terrier

From  
The Spencer Magnet

Frances Austin never went anywhere without Precious Lynn, her spunky, sweet Yorkshire Terrier. So last month when she went out on the front porch of her Spencer County home to enjoy the morning, Precious Lynn went with her like always.

When Austin headed out, the day started much like any other for her and Precious Lynn. She had no way of knowing that her beloved furry companion of 11 years would be killed by a seemingly harmless yard inhabitant lurking in the flowers — a toad.

Local veterinarian Dr. Dan Bension and Austin believe Precious Lynn came in contact with a Bufo americanus — also known as an American Toad — while she was digging in the flowers. Bension said the American Toad is common in this area and secretes a poison known as bufotoxin when it feels threatened.

The toads are identified by two very large glands on the side of the neck, one behind each eye. Those glands secrete a toxin that can cause distress and even death in animals, especially small ones like Precious Lynn. It can also irritate the human skin if touched.

Austin said she noticed almost immediately something was wrong.

"I seen she was foaming at the mouth," Austin said. "I picked her up. Before she had touched other little frogs and it didn't bother her."

But something was terribly wrong. Austin took her dog inside and called Bension.

"Immediately I took her in the house and her heart was beating real, real fast and she was having convulsions," she said. "I rushed her up to Dr. Bension. He took over from there."

By the time Austin got her dog to the veterinarian, she could not be saved.

Bension said Precious Lynn's symptoms were consistent with what happens

when a small animal is exposed to bufotoxin.

Those symptoms included foaming at the mouth, seizure and cardiac arrhythmia. Bension was able to identify the toad because Austin captured it and brought it to the veterinary clinic.

Bension said what happened to Austin's dog was rare, but the American Toad that poisoned her dog was not. He said bufotoxin quickly affects an animal when it touches or licks the toad.

"The circumstance that happened with her dog is rare," Bension said. "It's all about the size of the toad and the size of the pet. It was a three or four inch toad, which is pretty big, and a 9-pound dog. Everything kind of came together in a bad way."

Austin said seeing her dog go through such a terrible experience inspired her to want to get the word out about the American Toad and the potential safety threat it causes pets.

"I had no idea about them toads," she said. "I had never heard of them, not any. Everybody I see, I tell them about this, because they are not aware of it. I'd never heard of it."

Bension said Precious Lynn was particularly vulnerable because she was such a small dog.

"I've dealt with toad toxicities over 15 years," Bension said. "Usually it amounts to irritation of the mouth, drooling, vomiting, maybe diarrhea if (the pet) eats it. But to have this kind of outcome, I've never seen it in 15 years."

Bension said the best way to protect pets from American Toads is to try and keep them away from areas in which they like to live, such as ponds, ruts in the road and ditches. He said if a pet comes in contact with an American Toad, the owner should wash its mouth out with water. But if that pet is exhibiting signs of distress, it needs attention from a veterinarian immediately.

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Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

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# Ky. Supreme Court Orders New Hearing For McGregor

From The Times Leader

The Kentucky Supreme Court has ordered a new sentencing hearing for a Caldwell County man convicted of manslaughter last year for his role in a fatal crash in 2010.

The state's high court issued a ruling Aug. 29 vacating the sentence of Robert G. "Robbie" McGregor Jr.

McGregor was convicted in Caldwell Circuit Court in February 2012 of second-degree manslaughter, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, and driving under the influence, second offense.

The charges came in connection with the death of Shanan Asher on the night of Oct. 3, 2010.

Asher, a passenger in a vehicle driven by McGregor, was killed when that car pulled into the path of an oncoming vehicle on U.S. 62 in Princeton, near Hancock's Neighborhood Market.

The trial jury recommended a 20-year sentence for the charges, and Circuit Judge C.A. Woodall III sentenced McGregor in accordance with that recommendation.

McGregor, through attorneys with the Kentucky Department of Public Advo-

cacy, appealed the conviction and the sentence.

The appeal, according to the Supreme Court ruling, alleged that the trial court's "limitations on his presentation of evidence denied him a fair opportunity to present a defense," that the "admission of gruesome photos" from the crash site was unduly prejudicial, that the jury received "inaccurate and prejudicial information" in the trial's sentencing phase, and that the trial court erred in levying a fine upon an indigent defendant.

The high court did not find that the trial court erred in its limitation on presentation of evidence.

One of the four photos in question was erroneously admitted, according to the court opinion, but ruled the error "harmless" and not requiring a reversal of the trial court's decision.

Those rulings preserve McGregor's conviction on the charges.

The Supreme Court, though, did side with the appellant when it came to the sentence he received.

McGregor's attorneys argued that the jury was presented inaccurate and prejudicial information in regard to his parole eligibility and past criminal record, in vio-

lation of state statutes.

The argument concerns the testimony of Probation and Parole Officer Kristen Dickerson.

Dickerson told the jury, the high court wrote, about the penalty ranges for charges of manslaughter and wanton endangerment, and that "the parole eligibility for first-degree wanton endangerment is 15 percent of time served."

The appeal noted that that 15 percent claim was only valid if the aggregate sentence in the case was between one and five years.

"Appellant claims that the jury did not know that once it sentenced him to 10 years for second-degree manslaughter and five years for each wanton endangerment count, that his parole eligibility would be 20 percent of time served, not 15 percent," the court wrote.

In its opinion, the high court noted that prosecutors "relied almost solely on Dickerson's testimony to persuade the jury to recommend the maximum sentence."

"The jury was not given complete information regarding parole eligibility; here, there is a 'substantial possibility' that had the jury been presented with correct information regarding pa-

role eligibility that appellant would have gotten a lesser sentence."

The appeal also argues that the commonwealth exceeded the scope of state law when detailing McGregor's prior convictions.

The appeal noted seven instances where commonwealth exhibits and Dickerson's testimony included information that was "erroneous and prejudicial."

"Permissible evidence includes only evidence of

prior 'convictions,' and does not include evidence of prior charges later dismissed or amended," the court wrote.

"This jury was presented with information that it should have never been privy to, and thus this court must conclude that there is a reasonable likelihood that the jury was influenced by this information."

Those factors combined led the court to find a "substantial possibility" that "without these errors appel-

lant's sentence would have been different."

For those reasons, the court vacated McGregor's sentence and remanded the case to the circuit court for a new sentencing hearing.

McGregor is currently incarcerated at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Ed-dyville.

A date for the new sentencing hearing has not yet been scheduled, Circuit Clerk Danny Hooks said Tuesday.



SHELBY LONEY reaches far to catch the water balloon in the balloon toss at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

KEVIN CLARK takes part in one of the relays at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell



## Asphalt Resurfacing Set For Several Area Roads

More than \$26 million in Rural Secondary Road asphalt resurfacing projects were awarded recently by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

The projects will result in improved roads in 47 of Kentucky's 120 counties, spanning the commonwealth from Pike County in the east to McCracken County in the west.

Among the projects are various routes in Hopkins County, including a 2.1-mile section of Coiltown Road (Ky. 502) from 0.8 miles south of John Lansden Road to Ky. 1034; a 1.4-mile section of Cross Street (Ky. 813) from Flat Creek Road to U.S. 41; a 2.6-mile section of Rose Creek Road (Ky. 1034) from Ky. 2280 to Ky. 502; a 2.9-mile section of Rose Creek Road from Ky. 630 to Ky. 1178; a 0.6-mile section of Weldon Road (Ky. 2347) from Ky. 138 to Ky. 370; and a 0.6-mile section of Wells Road (Ky. 3059) from West Gamblin Cemetery Road extending east. Road Builders LLC was awarded the contract for \$708,174. The completion date is June 30, 2014. Projects awarded in

Caldwell County include a 1.7-mile section of Ky. 70 from Goodsprings Road to Ky. 1077; a 0.8-mile section of Short 70 Road (Ky. 70) from Ky. 293 to the county line; a 1-mile section of Ky. 672 from just south of Markham Road to just north of Amon Lisanby Road; a 1.2-mile section of Ky. 903 beginning at Ky. 293 and extending south; a 1.4-mile section of Briarfield Road (Ky. 1119) from just west of Shady Grove Spur Road to just west of Lemon Road; and a 1-mile section of Mount Hebron Church Road (Ky. 1627) beginning at Ky. 672 and extending west. Pennyrile Asphalt was awarded the contract for \$445,536. The completion date is June 30, 2014.

Funding for the projects was generated from the state motor fuels tax, of which 22.2 percent is dedicated to the rural Secondary Program. Counties are allocated money for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of state-maintained secondary and rural highways by a formula based on population, road mileage ratios and size of county.

## Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Sept. 6 through Sept. 12.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

**Dawson Springs B.O.E. — 100**

No violations.

**Dawson Springs City Park Concessions — 100**

No violations.

**Little Caesar's Pizza — 92**

Major violation:

•Containers of cleaner

hung on back of clean utensils.

Minor violations:

•Flour spillage on floor beneath storage area

•Aprons touching basket of soiled hand towels

•Scoop handle touching food product.

**Little Caesar's Pizza (follow-up)**

Minor violations:

•Flour spillage on floor beneath storage area

•Aprons touching basket of soiled hand towels

•Scoop handle touching food product.

**White Plains Senior Community Kitchen — 99**

Minor violation:

•Liquid spillage in bottom of refrigerator.

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# Chemicals Used In Syria Are Like Those In U.S.

By Greg Kocher  
Lexington Herald-Leader

The alleged use of chemical weapons in Syria thrusts the international spotlight onto the same deadly “nerve agents” stored at Blue Grass Army Depot in Madison County.

Sarin, one of the world’s most dangerous chemical warfare agents, has been identified by the United States as the substance loaded onto rockets on Aug. 21 and shot into the suburbs of Damascus. The Obama administration estimates that more than 1,400 people died.

Syrian President Bashar Assad is also thought to have used a network of front companies to import the precursors needed to make VX, the deadliest nerve agent ever created. The New York Times reported Sunday.

Both sarin and VX are internationally banned, both are stored in Madison County and both are scheduled to be destroyed there by a massive plant that is 72 percent complete. The plant is supposed to be finished in 2015, but it will take until 2020 for it to become operational. Then, according to the current timeline, it will take from 2020 to 2023 to destroy the weapons, said Craig Williams, director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, a Berea-based citizens group that monitors the remaining weapons in Kentucky and Pueblo, Colo.

The international discussion over the alleged use of these weapons “highlights the lethality of this stuff that’s sitting here,” Williams said. “It tells me that we’re on the right track of getting rid of this stuff for the safety of the local community, but also as a contribution to the global disposal of this stuff.”

“The fact that it was even made is ridiculous, but the fact that we’re moving forward is a positive thing,” Williams said. “It certainly puts a bright line under the awareness of what it is we’ve got here and why we need to get rid of it in a safe manner.”

Sarin disrupts the nervous system and overstimulates muscles and vital organs. It can be inhaled as a gas or absorbed through the skin. In high doses, sarin suffocates its victims by paralyzing the muscles around their lungs. About one drop of sarin can kill the average person in a few minutes.

What’s worse is that sarin has been used by terrorists. In 1995, a Japanese doomsday cult used sarin in an attack on the Tokyo subway system that killed 12 people and sent more than 5,000 to hospitals.

If purer sarin had been released, particularly as an aerosol, the 1995 attack might have been much worse, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank.

VX is even more potent. It’s been said that a drop of VX the size of George Washington’s eye on a quarter is enough to kill within seconds. A cocktail of drugs can act as an antidote, but VX acts so quickly that victims “would have to be injected with antidote almost immediately to have a chance of survival,” the Council on Foreign Relations says.

Although there is no conclusive evidence, some experts and an Iraqi defector say that Saddam Hussein used VX against Iranian forces in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War, and then again in a 1988 attack on Iraqi Kurds. That massacre reportedly killed 5,000 people and created health problems for thousands more.

VX was never used by the American military in combat. Its lethal potential was demonstrated in 1968 when an aerial spraying test of VX at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah went awry, killing thousands of grazing sheep.

Sarin and VX are called “nerve agents” because they break down an enzyme that allows nerves to talk to each other, so victims become overstimulated. Difficulty in breathing, nausea, vomiting, convulsions and respiratory failure can result.

Blue Grass Army Depot was completed in 1942, and the first mustard projectiles arrived there in 1944.

Sarin was developed by a German chemist as a pesticide in 1938, and VX was developed by Great Britain in the 1950s in the course of researching pesticides. The United States began full-scale production of VX in 1961, as the Cold War with the Soviet Union began to heat up.

“It was the arms race mentality,” Williams said. “They were making it. We were making it. They made more, we made more.”

The first rockets containing VX arrived at Blue Grass in 1962 and the first sarin rockets arrived in 1963. Sarin and VX projectiles arrived in 1965 and 1966, respectively. President Nixon halted the manufacture of chemical weapons in 1969.

At Blue Grass, the weapons are stored in the Chemical Limited Area, a 250-acre site of the 15,000-acre depot. Fences surrounding the area are topped with coiled razor wire, and signs warn intruders that “Use of Deadly Force is Authorized.”

The weapons are cradled in wooden pallets and stacked like bottles of wine in 44 dirt-covered concrete bunkers or “igloos.”

Blue Grass is the last site

in the United States to continue storing sarin and VX; together, they comprise 433 tons of chemical weapons stored in Madison County. The remaining 90 tons are mustard or blister agent.

It’s commonly reported that Blue Grass has 523 tons of chemical weapons. To be more accurate, that’s the tonnage of the sarin, VX and mustard chemicals alone.

While the nerve agents are often referred to as “gas,” they’re actually viscous liquids with the consistency of mineral oil. Only if they were exploded from the air would they become an aerosol or “gas” that disperses.

Blue Grass Army Depot will be the last of nine sites to destroy its chemical weapons. The task is harder there because, unlike other sites, the chemicals are loaded in explosive M55 rockets and corroding projectiles that were meant to be shot out of cannons. The plant under construction will make heavy use of robots and other automated assemblies to separate the explosives and metal from the chemicals. Even with that automation, it will employ about 1,000 people.

The Army plans to heat the VX and sarin in chemical reactors to destroy them. The resulting hydrolysate will contain no detectable toxins. (While no final decision has been made, the mustard agent might be destroyed in a different process.)

Aside from Syria, the other four nations that have neither signed nor acceded to an international treaty banning chemical weapons are Angola, Egypt, North Korea and South Sudan. Israel signed the treaty but its parliament has not ratified it. Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) has also not ratified the treaty.



**SUSIE LOVELL (left) watches as her students (front to back) Alexa Wells, Colton Henry, Emily Abbott, and Mattie Fain take part in the sponge relay at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.**

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

# Anticipation Is High For New Corvette Motorsports Park

By Robyn L. Minor  
Bowling Green Daily News

It’s a year away, but anticipation is already high for the 20th anniversary of the National Corvette Museum, where the new Motorsports Park also will be unveiled.

“There are already 1,200 people registered,” Duncan Hines, group sales manager, told the Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors on Monday. “They are expecting at least 8,000 cars, but I think that with the opening of the park, we are going to be pushing 10,000.”

Hines sat in on a museum meeting last week with Corvette caravan captains from across the country. Car clubs from all 50 states and Canada will converge on Bowling Green for the Labor Day 2014 event.

“They are starting to get this thing really on fire,” Hines said.

Hines said a page has been created on the CVB’s Web site at visitbgky.com so that interested visitors can see open rooms as they become available.

“We do have enough

space for them in this area,” Hines said.

Bowling Green has more than 2,800 rooms. But there are at least 1,000 more in the surrounding region, plus there are campgrounds.

Hines is encouraging area hoteliers to let him know if they have rooms available for the weekend of Aug. 28-30 so he can post them.

“I had one guy who called the other day and wanted 500 rooms,” he said.

Board member Wendy Kublin, who manages Hilton Garden Inn, said her property gets calls daily and at all hours from people requesting rooms for the event.

The museum’s corvettecaravan.com Web site has a countdown to the second of how long it is before the big anniversary, which skeptics didn’t think would come when it opened. The museum has survived that skepticism, paid off some of its loans early, completed a major expansion and now is building the Motorsports Park with considerable donations.

Fundraising for the park, which will be used by car clubs, for educational training and for Corvette racing

tests, continues.

In other matters, Hines told the board that the Freedom Road Rally will be coming through Bowling Green on Sept. 19-20. While not large in numbers, just 50 classic cars, it will be showy, he said. The cars include a Rodzilla, a souped up Munstermobile with lots of bright shiny red and chrome. The group will be having dinner at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center and, if it gets final approval from the state, part of College Street will be shut down so that vehicles and their owners can pose for photos in front of the historic Standard Oil restored gas station at Circus Square Park.

Bowling Green beat out Louisville and Northern Kentucky to bring in the Sweet Adelines International singing convention in 2014. The group will need 500 to 700 motel rooms.

Executive Director Vicki Fitch told the board that CVB staff are in the negotiation stage to bring in two large conferences, one for 2014 and another for 2015, that would require nearly 3,300 room nights between them.

## KENTUCKY STATEWIDE READING PROJECT — CHAPTER 2

# OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

A KENTUCKY ADVENTURE

Story By Leigh Anne Florence  
Illustrated by Chris Ware

**T**his land is your land, this land is my land. From California to the ...

“What’s the matter, Woody? Why did you stop singing?”

“I’m sorry, Chloe,” I said, trying not to let my sister see my tears. “I’m just scared — and I miss Mom and Dad.”

“I understand, but it’s going to be OK. Mom says that if we’re ever worried, singing helps. Besides, I’m sure Mom and Dad know exactly what truck we’re in. And Mr. Grover knows the truck driver and where he’s going. I bet Mr. G has called him already. And best of all, remember when Mom and Dad took us to Doc Albert and we had chips put in our back?”

“Yeah, I thought Doc Albert was putting potato chips in my back,” I said, giggling, thankful Chloe had made me feel better.

“Doc Albert said the chips would tell Mom and Dad exactly where we were if we ever got lost,” Chloe said. “So we aren’t really lost — just separated at the moment. At least you have your backpack.”

“You’re right!” I said, perking up. I always liked to take my backpack when we went somewhere. I never knew when I might need important things such as my “Work and Dream Like a Big Dog” jacket, my toothbrush, my sock monkey, my paddleball and my harmonica — anything I could ever need in an emergency. To pass the time, I played harmonica while Chloe sang. We played every song we knew — *Camptown Races*, *She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain*, *Old MacDonald*, *Paw Paw Patch*, *Oh My Darling Clementine*, and *Oh! Susanna* — with Chloe’s soprano voice ringing through the trailer. Finally, in the fourth verse of *John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt*, the truck came to a stop.



approached. I never dreamed I’d find you two cuties. I’m Tom. Who are you? And how’d you get in the back of my rig?”

“I’m Chloe and this is my brother, Woody. We were at Grover’s Supermarket with our Mom and Dad. Mr. Grover told us to look around his storeroom while he went to the front of the store.”

“And that’s when we smelled something really delicious and decided to check it out,” I interjected. “By the way, you said you heard screeching. Chloe and I never heard a thing. Of course it might have been because we were too busy singing and playing harmonica.”

“Oh,” Tom said, chuckling and looking as if he had just learned something. “Well, you were right about one thing, you did smell something mighty scrumptious. I had picked up a load of meat from the packing plant and had taken it to Grover’s. After I unloaded, I hopped back in to head to another packing plant. Sure glad I heard screeching and pulled over.”

“We’re glad too! What’s a packing plant?” I asked.

“It’s where farmers take their livestock to be slaughtered,” Tom said.

“Mr. Tom, I don’t want to interrupt, but what is livestock?” I asked.

“You don’t live on a farm, do you Woody?” Mr. Tom said before he continued. “Livestock

are animals used for three things: food (eggs, steak, bacon), fiber (material) and labor (more so in the past when farmers used mules or horses to plow a field). Like I was saying, the farmer sends the livestock to the packing plant where it’s slaughtered. The meatpackers process the meat — or get it ready for humans to eat it. Then they package it. Finally, I take the packaged meat to supermarkets, like Grover’s.”

“I guess that’s why Mr. G said he couldn’t take all the credit,” I said.

“You mean you thought Mr. Grover was responsible for preparing all the food?” Mr. Tom asked.

“Kind of,” I said, looking at Chloe.

“Oh, no, buddy. It’s a collective effort of the farmer, the trucker, the meatpackers, the distributors; the list goes on and on.”

“Wow! I can’t wait to tell Mom and Dad what we’ve learned,” Chloe said.

“Me either! Speaking of Mom and Dad, are you ready to take us back?” I asked Mr. Tom.

“Well little fellow, I hate to tell you this, but that’s impossible.”

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# Mum Is Not The Word Now

Mum's pretty much been the word for a while, but since the cat is out of the bag, so to speak, mum is not the word anymore. The new word might be grandmum — or grandpops — an even better word, at least as far as this writer's concerned.

What all that mumbomumbo obviously means is there is a baby in the oven — more specifically there is a granddaughter in my daughter-in-law's tummy, and Beth and I are now joining the legions of goofy, crazy out of their heads, grandparents.

We've known about the birds and the bees for some time. More specifically we've known about this particular instance of the birds and bees since Father's Day.

We found out last week the birds and bees have prepared a granddaughter for us.

Robert and Jenny came to see us on Father's Day, and as we were sitting on the couch Robert presented me with a card — and one of those gift bags so you don't have to wrap a present.

As I opened it, with no idea really of what was going on other than I was wondering what this interesting gift might be, we were all talking about just chit-chat.

I reached in the bag and pulled out a small book. It was a small picture album and it made me wonder why on earth they would get me a picture album?

I hadn't really looked at it, but I took notice finally that on the cover were the words "A grandparent's wish come true." The blooming idiot I am, nothing registered until I opened the first page.

The only picture in the book was a picture of Robert and Jenny. It was a kind of different looking picture, they were holding something. They were holding a pregnancy test strip that showed positive.

If I could have written this column three months ago, it would have been easy to remember what exactly happened next. I think I handed it all to Beth and told her she needed to see this. She was as slow as I was realizing just exactly what this present meant, but when she did, she squealed out and Robert said, "She doesn't react to things normally."

It was a wonderful Father's Day and an even better Father's Day gift.

Let me warn my readers now, if you think you get tired of reading about golf, or about baseball, or about politics or anything else, please accept this apology in advance because it looks as if there will soon be a new favorite topic for this column.

By the way, you have until around Jan. 31 to have to read about golf, other sports, and the like.

We have a pretty good idea what we are going to call her, but I wonder what she's going to call me?

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This one is courtesy of our friend Richard Chiodo... —A DEA agent stopped at a ranch in Texas and talked to an old rancher. He told the rancher, "I need to in-

spect your ranch for illegally grown drugs."

The rancher said, "Okay, but don't go into that field over there..." as he pointed out the location.

The DEA agent verbally exploded and said, "Look, mister, I have the authority of the federal government with me!"

Reaching into his rear pocket, the arrogant officer removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the rancher.

"See this badge? This badge means I can go wherever I want...on any land! No questions asked, no answers given! Do you understand, old man?"

The rancher kindly nodded, apologized and went about his chores. Moments later the rancher heard loud screams, he looked up and saw the DEA agent running for his life, being chased by the rancher's big Santa Gertrudis bull.

With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it was likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety.

The officer was clearly terrified.

The old rancher threw down his tools, ran as fast as he could to the fence, and yelled at the top of his lungs...

"Your badge! Show him your badge!"

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—The United Way realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer. So a United Way volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office.

The volunteer opened the meeting by saying, "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over two million dollars, you don't give a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?"

The lawyer thinks for a minute and says, "First, did your research also show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness and she has huge medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?"

Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, "Uh... no, I didn't know that."

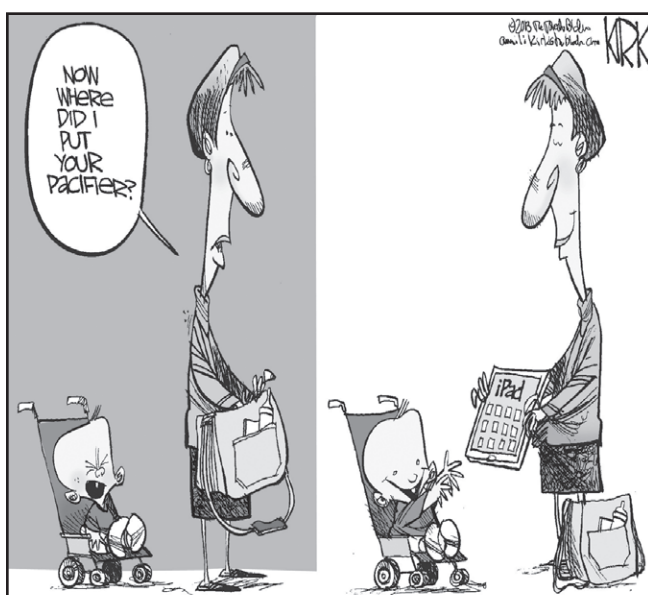
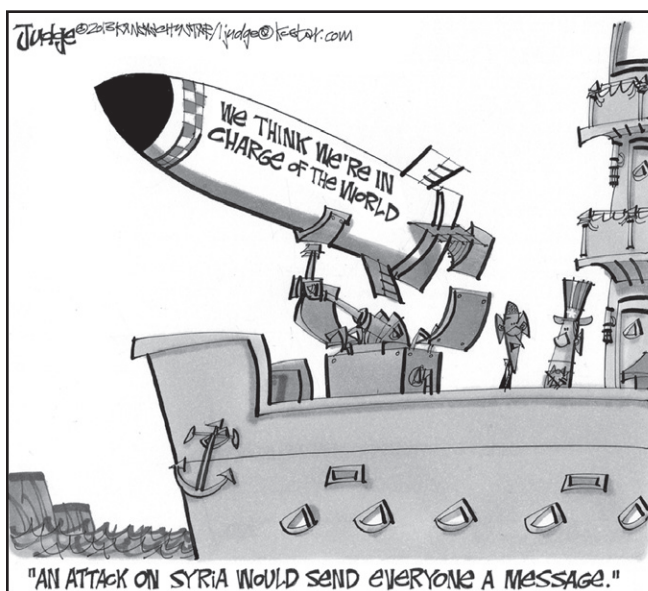
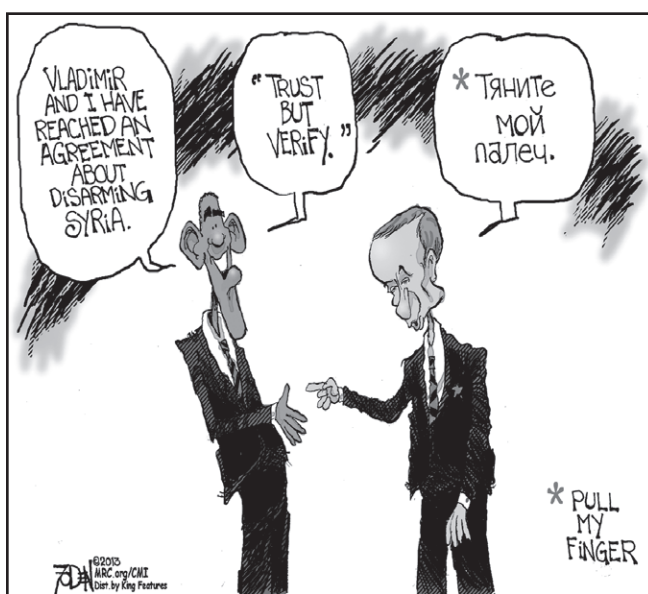
"Secondly," says the lawyer, "did it show that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is unable to support his wife and six children?"

The stricken United Way rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.

"Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident, leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of whom is disabled and another who has learning disabilities requiring an array of private tutors?"

The humiliated United Way rep, completely beaten, says, "I'm so sorry, I had no idea."

And the lawyer says, "So...if I didn't give any money to them, what makes you think I'd give any to you?"



## COMMENTARY Congress Needs A Routine Process

By Lee H. Hamilton  
Director  
Center on Congress  
Indiana University

As Washington swirls with proposals, counter-proposals, and political brinksmanship in response to diplomatic efforts on Syria, the situation has a lot of people scratching their heads. Couldn't President Obama and Congress have handled this differently?

I prefer to take a step back and ask a different question. Given that we are stronger as a country and our foreign policy more effective when the president and Congress forge a unified response to an international crisis, how can the two branches of government work together less chaotically to confront a dilemma like this one?

Let's put a possible congressional vote on Syria in context. Washington has long been divided over the power to use American military force, thanks to ambiguity in the Constitution itself: it gives Congress the power to declare war, but makes the president commander-in-chief. The last time Congress formally used its war powers was during World War II. Ever since, as we've engaged often in military action, it has ceded authority to the president. It tried to regain lost ground with the War Powers Resolution of 1973, which passed over a presidential veto and which no president since has considered constitutional, but it has been a losing battle. Grenada, Kosovo, the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Libya — all were launched by presidents without prior congressional authorization.

So I'm encouraged to see the possibility of a real debate on Capitol Hill on Syria, on what to do when another country uses chemical weapons, and on the projection of U.S. power. Congress should have returned much sooner from its vacation to address issues of such obvi-

ous national importance. But at least it's stepping up to the plate in a way it has preferred to avoid before now.

For let's be clear: presidents should not get a free pass on foreign affairs, but neither should Congress get to avoid declaring itself. On such difficult issues in the past, Congress has preferred to sidestep its constitutional responsibility, defer to the president, and then snipe from the sidelines when things go wrong. It has done so repeatedly not just on military issues, but on such matters recently as developing a national cyberwarfare strategy — which it failed at, leaving a matter of critical national security to the president — and on the NSA's surveillance of Americans' electronic communications, which members of Congress in the know never saw fit to bring up for public debate, even though it amounts to the largest expansion of government power in recent history.

This time, for better or worse, is different. The arguments both for and against a limited use of American force are reasonable, and congressional leaders are correct when they say this is a matter of conscience. I happen to believe that the United States' credibility in the world is at stake here and that restoring an international norm against the use of poison gas is important. My guess is that, should a full-fledged debate take place, members will acquit themselves well.

What I don't want to see is a chaotic process that leaves the U.S. appearing divided and indecisive, with the president forced to wonder how to "consult" with a disorganized congress in which power is diffused. There is a better way, but it requires a regular mechanism for consultation. A few years ago, a bipartisan National War Powers Commission, of

# Health-Care Reform Is Here

The Affordable Care Act — love it, hate it or don't know much about it — will become part of our world and our lives next month.

The adoption of national health-care reform, an effort to provide medical insurance to Americans who can't afford it or don't have access to it and to ensure that coverage is not denied to others because of age or pre-existing conditions, is not embraced by everyone, we understand.

For business, personal, financial and political reasons, this law so many of us requested never has been fully embraced by everyone. We understand that rhetoric often replaces reason when it comes to such matters.

And, we agree, there are a lot of unknowns and fear-some statements about this law and what it may mean.

But the bottom line is this: Barring a last-second change in Washington, the first phases of this reform will be upon us in October.

To us that appears daunting because we're not sure everyone understands the law, what it means and how it might apply to us.

That seemed to be the case last week, when the Shelby County Retired Teachers Association invited Shelby County native Kerri Richardson, a spokesperson for Gov. Steve Beshear, to town to discuss how the state's expansion of Medicaid and its new health-care exchange will work.

Whether you oppose these aspects of the rollout or not, this dialogue is a beneficial concept. Ms. Richardson,

although politically aligned, certainly is in position to understand the concept of how this plan will work in Kentucky.

That Stratton Center was crammed with people of many walks of life — not simply retired teachers — speaks to the hunger for information, and you are about to be overwhelmed with more of it. By all accounts, the discussion was full and the interaction lively.

Each of us has a unique relationship to the Affordable Care Act, and we each need to understand that relationship, such as whether we will receive insurance coverage for the first time, can get better coverage than we currently purchase privately, can receive treatment previously denied or will feel the changes brought forward by insurance companies and employers.

We encourage you to seek out information and try to understand these changes. Don't be passive. Read, listen and discuss your concerns about this. Ensure that you have the right information and the right sources of information.

Too often, political bombast tends to drown out the most meaningful words. We encourage you to seek trusted sources and not partisan sources to find your information. Ask your physician, your employer or a family member who may have a better understanding to help you find answers to your questions.

Each of us in the media

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## LOOKING BACK

### 10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

**10 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Sept. 22, 1988.)  
Robin Johnson, last year's Miss Dawson Springs was named Miss Black Patch on Sept 8, at the annual beauty contest sponsored by the Princeton Rotary Club.  
Funeral for Mrs. Verna Louise Nelson, 71, was held Wednesday morning at Beshear Funeral Home.

**50 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Sept. 19, 1963.)  
Mrs. George Edward Thomason was honored with a surprise birthday dinner Sunday, Sept. 8.  
Registration of the eight grades of the Charleston School for the 1963-64 school year totals 36.  
Funeral services for Emmett J. Williams, 75, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church.  
Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 for E. W. Bennett, 84, at the Ilsley Holiness Church.

**25 Years Ago**

## MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Sept. 21, 1780, during the American Revolution, American Gen. Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for money and a high position in the British army. The plot was foiled, and Arnold, a former American hero, became synonymous with the word "traitor."

• On Sept. 19, 1827, after a duel turns into an all-out brawl, Jim Bowie kills a banker in Alexandria, La., with an early version of his famous Bowie knife. The actual inventor of the Bowie knife, however, was probably not Jim Bowie, but rather his equally belligerent brother, Rezin Bowie.

• On Sept. 20, 1960, California hot rodder Mickey Thompson takes another shot at the world land-speed record. Although he only managed to coax his streamlined Challenger up to about 378 mph on his first run and 368 mph on the second, his speedy trips across the Bonneville Salt Flats won worldwide fame for the car and its driver.

• On Sept. 18, 1974, actress Doris Day, one of the biggest box office draws of the 1950s and '60s, wins a \$22.8 million malpractice suit against her former lawyer. After the death of her third husband, Martin Melcher, in 1968, she discovered that her \$20 million in life savings had disappeared.




• On Sept. 17, 1983, 20-year-old Vanessa Williams becomes the first black to win the Miss America crown. Williams later launched a successful singing and acting career, including a featured role on the hit television sitcom "Ugly Betty."

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Mother Should Wait

Dear Editor,

I happened to be walking past a business that offered free ear piercing if you bought the earrings there. I observed a baby girl getting her ears pierced. She was so young that her head needed to be held up. I asked how old a child needed to be for piercing. They said two months or more.

Perhaps I'm old fashioned, but that seems too young. My brother's wife

had two daughters, and she waited until they were old enough to decide for themselves. The younger daughter never did get her ears pierced.

I think the mother is being selfish to make that choice for the child. I know of a five-year-old who snagged her earring on something, and it ripped the ear open and surgery was required. Perhaps Mom doesn't always know what's best for the child. What's the harm in waiting a few years?

Richard Chiodo  
Dawson Springs

## Syrians Need Help

Dear Editor,

As a nation, it is time to help the people of Syria to make the president of that nation pay for the killing of his own people.

He must be put out of office, and the United States must see to it. We must free the Syrian people and make it a free nation for all.

Morris Brown  
Dawson Springs

## Proposed I-67 To Use Existing Roads

From Kentucky Press News Service

Business leaders in Southwestern Indiana and Western Kentucky have built a coalition to build what they call Interstate 67. The road would connect from I-69 near Washington, Ind., to Owensboro and then on south to connect with I-65 at Bowling Green.

The Bowling Green to Owensboro leg, according to The Washington Times-Herald newspaper in Indiana, would use the existing William Natcher Parkway. The road would have to be upgraded to interstate highway standards.

According to The Times-Herald, private interests along the route have al-

ready had a \$200,000 study done of the Washington to Bowling Green corridor. The Cambridge Systematics study concluded the road would draw a minimum of 16,000 vehicles a day, make for safer travel, provide an alternate route south so that I-65 traffic could avoid Louisville, and lead to more economic development.

I-67 advocates said they understand they will have to wait while I-69 is completed. The group has already traveled to Indianapolis, Frankfort and Washington, D.C. to pitch their ideas, The Times-Herald reported.

A spokesman for the Indiana Department of Transportation said his agency is aware of the I-67 concept, but so far there's been no

commitment from the state. But still the state is willing to talk to any group and take their information and ideas under consideration, he told The Times-Herald.

The Indiana newspaper said coalition members in Indiana believe they may have a key supporter in their corner. Lt. Gov. Sue Ellsperman is from Ferdinand and is very familiar with the project.

"The stars may be aligning for this," coalition member Hank Menke said. "Economically this is a huge deal. This is a chance to attract industry, maintain our lifestyle and keep our kids at home."

## Congress Needs

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which I was a member, came up with a pragmatic framework that would create a routine process for the president and Congress to follow. It would require the president to consult with congressional leaders before any military action expected to last more than one week — and then would require Congress to declare itself, either by voting to approve action or, if that resolution fails, to allow for a vote to disapprove military involvement.

Had this structure been in place already, a high-stakes vote on Syria wouldn't seem so unusual and the consultative process would have been far less messy. My hope, once this is over, is that the idea will gain greater currency. When international crises arrive, a routine process that's allowed our political leaders to build credibility with each other would save them a lot of heartburn.

# Sample Price Tags Revealed On New Federal Health Plans

By Kevin Wheatley  
The State Journal

Gov. Steve Beshear unveiled sample insurance rates Sept. 10 that will be available when Kentucky's health benefit exchange, kynect, launches Oct. 1.

But he urged residents, both with and without health insurance, to shop on the on-line portal because 85 percent of Kentuckians could qualify for subsidies or discounts under the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare. Businesses that employ fewer than 25 workers could also be eligible for tax credits, he said.

During a Capitol news conference, Beshear called the move to provide health coverage to more than 640,000 uninsured Kentuckians through kynect and expanded Medicaid "a historic opportunity."

"Our collective health is horrible," Beshear said. "It's been horrible for a long time, and no critic of the Affordable Care Act has stepped up with any feasible, large-scale plan to do something about it."

Beshear's decisions to implement kynect and expand Medicaid coverage has drawn criticism from Obamacare opponents.

The Republican-led Senate passed bills that would require legislative approval for the health benefit ex-

change and Medicaid expansion in this year's legislative session, but those measures went nowhere in the Democrat-controlled House.

Earlier this month, Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd upheld Beshear's decisions in a legal challenge by Nicholasville tea party activist David Adams.

"The time for partisan debate is long passed," Beshear said. "The Affordable Care Act is the law of the land."

The state will be divided by the eight Medicaid regions, and at least two of the five insurance companies contracted to provide coverage through kynect — Humana, Anthem, United Healthcare, Bluegrass Family Health and the Kentucky Health Cooperative — will offer plans in each region, Beshear said.

This was the first time the administration presented examples of fees under kynect this year, but Beshear said he could not provide averages because the fee structure depends on many variables.

Kentucky has received some \$250 million in federal grants to set up the exchange, but the program must be self-sustaining by 2015. While the federal government will fully pay for Medicaid expansion, funding will begin declining in 2017, eventually hitting 90 percent by 2020.

Sample plans and fees

- A healthy 22-year-old

college student who doesn't smoke and earns \$20,000 at a part-time job would receive a \$76 federal subsidy and pay \$51 monthly for the lowest plan, called bronze, and \$112 for the highest, called platinum.

- A physically disabled 24-year-old who earns \$24,000 would get a \$29 federal subsidy and pay \$98 per month for the bronze plan and \$159 for platinum.
- A 50-year-old smoker who earns \$30,000 would get \$89 in subsidies and pay \$160 monthly for the bronze plan and \$279 for platinum.
- A 32-year-old single mother of two children who makes \$40,000 would get \$178 in subsidies and pay \$133 for the bronze plan and \$281 for platinum.
- A couple in their mid-50s who earn \$34,000 collectively would receive \$520 in subsidies and pay \$47 per month for the bronze plan and \$317 for platinum.
- A family of four that makes \$70,000 would get \$98 in subsidies and pay \$403 for the bronze plan and \$641 for platinum.

## Health Care Reform

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has a responsibility to deliver to you the best unfiltered information we can find, to talk to those who are implementing this new system and to ensure that the process you will face is explained clearly and understandably.

And we encourage you to pursue that information with an open mind, to see how this might benefit you and not assume that it will harm you. Let's see how it works.

We don't know if the Af-

fordable Care Act ultimately will accomplish all that it has promised to deliver, which in foundation is much-needed medical coverage to more of our friends, neighbors and coworkers — and job growth in the medical field.

We do know that this process is about to get under way, and, like many things that frighten us, it's better to absorb every bit of knowledge that we can and not to run from it.

—The Sentinel-News

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## Property

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tional materials to be used on the city Web site and in print and other media sources.

A KET film crew was in Dawson Springs Aug. 29 and 30 to film the Trail Town opportunities. Photo shoots at Lake Beshear, the Tradewater River, Jones Keeney, downtown locations and sites at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park were organized by Charlie Beshears. Dawson Springs will be featured on the April 19, 2014 edition of Kentucky Life.

Announcements included the police and fire departments' open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday on the square. The high school band town show is also Friday at 6 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

## Gasoline

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said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While there certainly are a few issues that could impact gasoline prices on our plate, the switch-over back to winter gasoline has begun, and I do expect that gas prices may continue to move downward this week for most of the United States. California, however, does have some recent refining kinks that may mean it joins the lower price party a bit later, but by Halloween, my expectation is the national average will stand 5 to 15 cents per gallon lower than where it is today."

## Teacher

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Peyton was arraigned Monday in Hopkins County District Court, and the case was continued until Sept. 25.

The next board of education meeting is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 26.



**SISTERS** Mazie Cotton, 4, (left) and Millie Cotton, 5, enjoy some refreshments at the Dawson Springs Branch Library's ribbon cutting and open house Thursday, Sept. 12, to celebrate the opening of a new computer lab.

## Proud Kentuckian Is Anchor On Good Morning America

By Mary Meehan  
Lexington Herald-Leader

Sam Champion, the jovial, smooth-talking, impeccably dressed weather anchor on Good Morning America, is a proud Kentuckian with fond memories of overnight stays at state parks, his first encounters with broadcasting at Eastern Kentucky University and anything on the menu at Starnes Barbecue in Paducah, his hometown.

"My dad was a Kentucky Colonel, my grandfather was a Kentucky Colonel," said Champion, adding he even had a few encounters with the Kentucky Colonel, Harland Sanders, who knew some of his relatives.

Champion's deep Kentucky roots were on display

Friday as America's top-rated morning show highlighted the early days of its anchors and how they began their careers. The show, which runs from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., featured live segments from ECU where the marching band, cheerleaders, dance team and communications students will gather to celebrate along with their alum.

Born in Paducah, Champion, 52, and his family traveled the globe after his father joined the Marines. But when it came time to choose a college in 1979, his parents — Lt. Col. James H. Champion and his wife, Sylvia — urged their son to come back to Kentucky, where he still had extended family. They wanted him to be close to relatives as he went off on

his own.

Before making a decision, Champion made a tour of Kentucky schools. He thought of becoming a Hill-topper at Western Kentucky University. The Bowling Green campus was beautiful, he said, but he couldn't face trudging up the hill every day. He considered the University of Kentucky but then learned that ECU had just built two new television studios for broadcast majors.

He also honed his craft in Lexington, landing an internship with WKYT his sophomore year. He ran tape and has "a boozy, hazy recollection," he said, of covering some UK games. But his coup, he said, was convincing his bosses to let him do stand-up reports on the weekends.

"They didn't have any weekend reporters," he said, so he offered to cover sports.

After working at stations in Paducah and Jacksonville, Fla., Champion began at WABC in New York in 1988. He joined Good Morning America in 2006.

Champion, who married his partner, Rubem Robierb, in 2012, said he didn't enter into the union to be an activist for same-sex marriage but because he was in love. Still, Champion said, he and Robierb hear from kids every day glad to have high-profile openly gay role models.

"I never intended to stand up necessarily for anything," said Champion, who did not make a habit of making his private life public until he announced his engagement last year. "When you fall in

love, you want to make the choice that anyone else has a right to make."

Champion said since his father died in 2010 and his mother no longer lives in the state, he doesn't get back as often as he'd like to. But Kentucky still holds a place in his heart. As a kid, he spent summers traveling the commonwealth with his grandfather, who worked inspecting natural gas lines. Often, he said, they would spend the night at Kentucky state parks and Champion remembers those visits fondly.

Good Morning America in July did a segment about the anchors and their favorite things. Champion picked Starnes Barbecue, because he favors the Paducah restaurant's pulled pork sandwich with secret sauce.

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**AUSTIN CLARK runs during the Muhlenberg Invitational on Saturday.**

ASHLEY MCKNIGHT

## Muhlenberg Invite Held

A full field ran in Saturday's Muhlenberg Invitational Cross Country Meet including many from Dawson Springs.

Six girls represented the Dawson Springs varsity girls in the 5K run; however, only four of the girls finished the race. Hannah Densmore finished 61st with a time of 25:40.97, followed by Andie Mills, 73rd, 26:58.74; Alyssa Gilland, 84th, 28:15.84; and Allie Mills, 86th, 28:18.88. 101 girls started the race.

Caroline Haas from South Warren High School won with a time of 19:01.64. Daviess County was the winning team.

Three Panther harriers participated in the varsity boys meet which had a field of 162. Dylan Simpson finished 102nd with a time of 21:12.63, followed by Isiah Abbott, 107th, 21:21.31; and Travis Lussier, 137th, 23:19.99.

Daviess County won the race led by Daniel Southard who finished first in 15:58.03.

The middle school girls finished sixth out of 10 teams in the 4K run. Kaylee Simpson led the Panthers with a 21st place finish in 18:55.63. She was followed by Paige Hendrix, 30th, 19:34.90; Brooklyn Cotton, 31st, 19:35.66; Alyssa Dismang, 41st, 20:13.40; Sabreyn Pleasant, 68th, 21:48.62; and McKensi Matthews, 95th, 25:53.35. There were 101 runners in the race.

The middle school Panther boys finished ninth out of 10 teams in the field of 117 runners. Ty Akin finished 34th with a time of 17:05.23. He was followed by Christian Abbott, 41st, 17:31.93; Jett McKnight, 57th, 18:31.28; Devan Baker, 72nd, 19:08.83; Austin Clark, 76th, 19:22.26; Tyler Weir, 112th, 25:01.53; Drew Davis, 116th, 28:56.69; and Ethan Garrison, 117th, 30:02.47.

The elementary Panther girls finished sixth out of six teams in the 3K run which had a field of 69. Aubrie Gunn finished 13th with a time of 14:18.61, followed by Brooklyn Clark, 33rd, 16:05.69; Desiree Hunt, 37th, 16:17.60; Skyler Garrison, 45th, 17:04.26; and Jordan Thomas, 66th, 23:24.72.

The Panthers finished eighth out of nine teams in the boys elementary 3K run which had a field of 106. Skyler Clark finished 13th with a time of 12:49.16, followed by Landon Pace, 20th, 12:58.22; Ayden Davis, 25th, 13:07.33; Logan McKnight, 45th, 13:59.00; Charles Abbott, 52nd, 14:39.77; Colton Dismang, 82nd, 16:30.06; and Greyson Pleasant, 85th, 16:37.97.

The Panthers were scheduled to run yesterday at Hopkins County Central (results were not known at press time), Saturday in Paducah at the St. Mary's Invitational and Tuesday in Madisonville at the Hopkins County Meet.

## Girls Split Soccer Matches

The Panther girls soccer team was on both ends of the 10-goal mercy rule last week.

The wrong end of the mercy rule is where the Panthers found themselves Sept. 10 at St. Mary's, but then in a change of fortune, the Panthers were on the better end Thursday at Riverside Park against Butler County.

After being shut out 10-0 at St. Mary's, Panther coach Elizabeth Workman cited the injuries to Shelby Loney and Tiki Robinson as limiting her team.

But then the Panther offense seemed to take a cue from what St. Mary's accomplished as they exploded for 10 goals of their own to shut out Butler County and break a nine-game losing streak.

Katie Crider had a hat trick plus one in scoring four goals. Halyn Burden and Abby Coy each found the net twice, and Savannah Bean and Kayla Bigham got into the act with a goal apiece.

"We played very well," Workman said. "We came out and showed our full potential and how we are capable of playing."

But the offense seemed to run out of gas Friday as Todd County shut out the Panthers 3-0 at Riverside Park.

"We played pretty well against Todd County, but it was our fourth game of the week, and you could tell it in our play," Workman said. "Also, lacking subs took a toll on us."

The girls took their 2-10 record into a home game against Christian County Tuesday (the score was not known at press time), then will be off until Monday's game at Hopkins County Central. Muhlenberg County will then visit Riverside Park Tuesday.



**ABBY COY (6) works to settle the ball as teammate Halyn Burden looks on during action against Butler County on Thursday at Riverside Park. The Panther girls picked up their biggest win of the soccer season, running past the visiting Bears 10-0.**

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## JV Tourney

**AARON McCUNE (20) collides with an opponent while going for the ball during Saturday's junior varsity soccer tournament at Riverside Park. Results from the competition were not available.**

MIKE HOWTON

## Boys Bow On Road

A close game and opportunity for the second win of the season got away from the Panther boys soccer team Sept. 10 at St. Mary's.

With the Panthers behind 2-1, St. Mary's received a penalty kick and made it count to extend the lead to 3-1. Another goal was added for insurance and the Panthers were on the wrong end of a 4-1 score.

"We didn't play bad," Coach Katie Harris said. "We weren't passing as well as we could have, but we were winning the ball in the air."

Michael Merideth scored the Panthers' goal.

"We have come a long way in finding each other on the field and playing with intensity," Harris said. "But we still have to work on making strong offensive attacks and putting the ball away."

The win was St. Mary's second of the year against six losses and one tie.

The Panthers couldn't put any goals away Friday at Todd County Central as they were shut out 9-0 for their ninth loss of the year. Todd County improved to 6-4.

"They had a good defense, but we had several mistakes," Harris said. "We are still young and are building self confidence to become mentally strong. If a team gets a few goals on us, we tend to roll over."

The Panthers play Thursday at Riverside Park against 5-2-1 Trigg County and at Hopkins County Central Monday. Then on Tuesday the Panthers will host Muhlenberg County at Riverside Park.

## Golfers Complete Busy Week Of Competition

Golfers had a busy week for the Panthers, competing in two matches and a large invitational tournament on Saturday.

The Panthers played at Mineral Mound in Lyon County Sept. 10 where they placed third out of three teams with a score of 235. Marshall County won with a 170, and Livingston Central was second with a 208. Lyon County did not have enough to record a full team score.

Schyuler Storms shot 51; D.J. Thorp, 55; Sarah Huddleston, 60; and Asher Lucas, 69.

"We played decent on a tough course," Coach Dan Dillingham said. "Our ball striking was off, and on a course like Mineral

Mound you really can't afford to be outside the fairway. We have to stay in more fairways."

The Panthers also finished third out of three teams in Thursday's match at Providence Golf Course against Webster County and Hopkins County Central.

The host Webster County Trojans won with a 176; Hopkins County Central was second with 208; and the Panthers shot 231.

Storms led the Panthers with a 49, followed by Thorp and Huddleston, 54; and Lucas, 74.

Webster County's Trevis Bell took med-

alist honors with a 39.

"Our performance was a little disappointing, but each player had a few good moments," Dillingham said. "Sarah saved a couple of good pars and showed perseverance. I like to see players never give up on a hole."

The Panthers finished eighth in the nine-team field Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in the Crittenden County Invitational.

Graves County won with a 317. The Panthers shot 439 in the 18-hole event.

Lyon County's Cullan Brown won medalist honors with a 71 after beating Graves County's Hayden Cash in a playoff.

Storms shot 91 for the Panthers, followed by Huddleston, 110; Thorp, 112; and Lucas, 126.

"This was our fourth time to play at Deer Lakes, so I think we were a little familiar with the course," Dillingham said. "It's a tough golf course which requires precision ball striking. We played better than we did at Mineral Mound which is a similar type course."

The Panthers will host Lyon County at Pennyrile tomorrow, play in the Muhlenberg County Invitational Saturday at Central City Country Club, and travel to Cole Park Golf Course at Fort Campbell Monday.



# Momentum Grows To Pay College Athletes To Play

## SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

With people at the cash register of American sports today, decisions are more often about “pay-for-play” today, now!?” than any consideration being given to educate the next generation. Never mind the next seven (see Worth Repeating).

Scenario. Tom Jurich takes out his checkbook. The one with University of Louisville printed across the top, and fills in the Pay-To-The-Order Of: Russell Smith. Amount: \$1,614,733.

For: Services rendered.

According to a Time Magazine cover story Sept. 16, before Smith’s next stop-and-pop at Yum! Center against Kentucky Wesleyan, Nov. 29, \$1.67 million is the cut he’s entitled to as an employee of the top sports revenue producer last academic year. For 2011-12 University of Louisville Cardinal athletics generated 42 million, 434 thousand, 684 dollars.

This, according to a study by Drexel University’s sports management department and something called National College Players Association.

The drums beat louder and longer among sports media elite to “pay college athletes.”

If, like me, college sports is still worth your time, the prospect of openly paying athletics is horrible.

While Jurich is handing Russ Smith a check for a million-six, down I-64, according to the Drexel study, Mitch Barnhart ought be writing one to Julius Randle for \$810,790. A projected one-and-doner who’s only recently been issued a jersey number for his seven month stay at Kentucky.

Consider this a warning, the NCAA is about to become obsolete and bidding wars for athletes will become like autumn stud sales at Keeneland. If we let it happen.

The Drexel study in Time Magazine calculates UK athletics was fifth in the pantheon of revenue production

for 2011-12. Barnhart put 21 million, 598 thousand and 680 dollars into the bank, according to Time.

Why is Randle due anything? Because he signed with elite Kentucky.

Calculation: His college choice was enough to fire up tee-shirt sales, jerseys (No. 30) and placards with his photo and whatever else UK fans will pay for. Money-maker items for all for everybody not named Julius Randle.

And this postscript: Quarterback Johnny Manziel’s value to Texas A&M University for media exposure and winning the Heisman Trophy last year — \$37 million, Time Magazine writer Sean Gregory said.

Count me among those who care less than nothing about NBA and NFL sports. The former has evolved into a collection of me-first prima donnas skilled enough to show off in shorts into their late 20s enough for ABC-TV ratings. The NFL is steroid souped-up savagery that is bringing more ‘fines’ with every Sunday and leaves cripples for taxpayers to care for in the end.

How and why did pay-college-athletes issue become so noisy, a story with legs and momentum in recent years? Big money of course and media attention. Greed, control and influence have gotten more sophisticated. Blatant example: A fee levied on fans for the privilege ... to ‘rent’ seats at the game, quickly covered up with “our prices are consistent with those at other league schools.”

For me, the worst calamity come to college sports is anything that involves squeezing fans. And directors of athletics are getting away with it.

Dave Zirin writes about politics in sports for The Nation magazine. His latest book, Game Over: How Politics Has Turned the Sports World Upside Down, ought be a must read for sports fans. Zirin’s work exposes how professional franchise owners and college administrators are raking in such huge profits, quietly devalue professionals as bottom-of-food-chain gladiators all the way to a shamefully cheap chump-change settlement to compensate retired NFL players on disability for services rendered ... making the NFL.

For college fans, the media drums beat grows ever louder to redefine a college scholarship as less than worthless, more an insult to those who earn millions for

those in control.

Solutions? A few ideas.

✓ Fans prevail on national media to concentrate and expose NBA player association’s hidden plantation mentality. One they hide behind with owners passive support while holding university basketball programs hostage as farm teams.

✓ Salary cap for college coaches. A million a year for likes of John Calipari, Nick Saban, Rick Pitino and others, is more than reasonable. If coach doesn’t like it, in a land of opportunity, he’s free to go elsewhere.

✓ At taxpayer behest, maybe politicians can agree on something. Legislate to allow high school graduates to pursue a career when, where and however they choose.

✓ Create a sane and level playground for high school-to-college athletes. Predicated on — “kids who commit to play college sports, be offered athletic scholarships that include a set stipend, same for all amount.”

Reducing the politics would reduce the influence of greed. These steps would be a far better direction for solutions than Tom Jurich writing a check to Russ Smith.

### Worth repeating dept.

From a Yahoo.com column Aug. 19.

“Is it time to pay players at the Little League World Series? Of course, it is.

“... This isn’t about paying every kid who’s playing ball in your neighborhood, just the ones who reach the big stage and are put on television. This isn’t going to cause the formation of a union with an inevitable strike or contract holdout.

“And no one is really getting paid. Call it prize money or a scholarship or something if it makes you feel better.

“The players deserve something from this booming, expansive event, even if it is just a few grand that go(es) directly into a college scholarship fund or some kind of trust (if they don’t go to college) that can’t be accessed until age 18 or 21. A similar system could be worked out for international players based on their own cultural norms.”

And so it goes.

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# River, Stream Anglers Endure Much Frustration

By Lee McClellan

If you are a river or stream angler, this past spring and summer has filled your belly with enough frustration to pull your hair out by the handful.

Mother Nature greeted every stream fishing trip you planned for the upcoming weekend by rudely parking a heavy thunderstorm in the headwaters of the intended stream two days before the trip. A torrent of glutinous, rust colored water followed the monsoon, looking like the stream flowed from the bottom of a hog pen. Instead of fun fishing, it became time to mow the yard instead.

The recent dry spell means streams are finally low and clear. The smallmouth bass that live in them are hungry.

“It is the ideal situation right now on our Kentucky streams,” said David Baker, stream biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “Streams are at their prime now. On lakes, the water is hot and the fish lethargic. Stream smallmouths are feeding like crazy.”

The low and clear water puts smallmouth bass at an advantage over their prey, which they exploit with abandon. “There are more stable flows now in our streams,” said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “The baitfish and smallmouth bass are in closer proximity. They are feeding up now with the shorter days to prepare for winter.”

During a recent trip to a central Kentucky stream, Baker



caught over 20 smallmouth bass longer than 12 inches. It takes about five years for a stream smallmouth bass to reach a foot in length.

“This time of year, smallmouths are schooled up,” Baker said. “If you catch one, spend some time in that spot. The low water concentrates the smallmouths and you can catch several from the same pool.”

Topwater lures draw incredibly savage strikes from stream smallmouths in September. The banana or cigar-shaped 3- to 4-inch long topwater lures worked with the “walk the dog” retrieve are deadly right now. Fish these lures across flowing shoals, beside undercut banks and in the tailout water above and below riffles.

“Don’t spend too much time fishing soft-plastic lures really slow right now,” Baker said. He prefers searching for smallmouth schools by throwing lures that cover water such as 1/8-ounce white and silver spinnerbaits, floating/diving minnow-shaped jerkbaits in shad colors and smaller minnow-shaped crankbaits.

“The flat bedrock areas are holding fish,” Baker said. “I don’t usually fish flat, boring bedrock, but crayfish and minnows are holding on them right now.”

He said the minnows he’s witnessed in streams are

roughly three to four inches long. Lures should match that size.

Stealth is important since streams are flowing at their lowest level since last winter. “The fish can see you coming,” Baker said. “Make long casts and stay off the areas you plan to fish.”

Under-utilized smallmouth streams course all across Kentucky. If a local flow has water at least waist deep and a rocky bottom along with pools and riffles, it likely holds smallmouth bass.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) has two excellent resources for Kentucky anglers to locate and learn more about the smallmouth fishing streams in their area. Click on the “Fishing and Boating” tab, then on the “Where to Fish” tab and then on the printable “Kentucky Smallmouth Streams” brochure.

You may also click on the Blue Water Trails tab on the same screen and locate two dozen streams profiled that provide public access points, floating mileages, printable maps and fishing information. Many of the streams featured in the series contain good smallmouth bass populations.

The great stream smallmouth fishing continues well into fall. Once water temperatures fall below 50 degrees, usually by mid-November, the fishing slows drastically.

There is long way to go before now and then. Get out in the next few weeks and enjoy the best stream smallmouth fishing of the year.

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# Top 50 Crappie Lakes Tabbed

Want to land some bragging size crappie? Maybe even break the current IGFA all-tackle record? You might choose to fish the lakes rated by Fishhound.com as the best in the country for oversized slabs.

Fishhound compiled its “50 Best Crappie Lakes” list ([www.fishhound.com/best-crappie-fishing-lakes](http://www.fishhound.com/best-crappie-fishing-lakes)) after consulting with a host of industry experts, including veteran outdoor writers, professional crappie anglers and fishing-related companies.

“We devoted considerable time and resources to develop this list based on feedback from some of the most experienced and knowledgeable crappie fishermen throughout the U.S.,” said Rick Patri, Fishhound’s vice president, operations. “These are bodies of water that earned well deserved reputations for producing big numbers of fish as well as some real monsters.”

The long-standing IGFA all-tackle world record for white crappie stands at 5 pounds, 3 ounces — a fish caught in Mississippi in 1957. The all-tackle record for black crappie is a 5-pound fish caught from a private Missouri farm pond in 2006.

### Fishhound’s 50 Best Crappie Lakes List

1. Grenada Lake, MS
2. Sardis Lake, MS
3. Kentucky Lake, TN
4. Reelfoot Lake, TN
5. Arkabutla Lake, MS
6. Green River Lake, KY
7. Lake Washington, MS
8. Barkley Lake, KY
9. Lake Dardanelle, AR
10. Logan Martin, AL
11. Weiss Lake, AL
12. Nimrod Lake, AR
13. Clarks Hill, GA
14. Chickamauga Lake, TN
15. Patoka Lake, IN
16. Santee Cooper Lakes, SC
17. Eufaula Lake, OK
18. Pickwick Lake, TN
19. Oologah Lake, OK
20. Enid Lake, MS
21. Harris Chain of Lakes, FL
22. Truman Lake, MO
23. Toledo Bend, TX
24. Alabama River, AL
25. Lake Erie, OH
26. Texoma Lake, TX
27. Buckeye Lake, TX
28. Kaw Lake, OK
29. Ross Barnett, MS
30. Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, MS (Columbus, Aliceville, Aberdeen)
31. Douglas Lake, TN
32. Monroe Lake, FL
33. Lake of the Ozarks, MO
34. Lake Fork, TX
35. Neely Henry Lake, AL
36. Kinkaid Lake, IL
37. Rend Lake, IL
38. Shelbyville Lake, IL
39. Conway Lake, AR
40. Lake Greeson, AR
41. Greenwood Lake, AR
42. West Point, GA
43. Oconee Lake, GA
44. Lake Cumberland, KY
45. Indian Lake, OH
46. Lake Talquin, FL
47. Mississinewa Lake, IN
48. Hamilton Lake, AR
49. Lake of the Pines, TX
50. D’Arbonne Lake, LA

# Public Lands Day Celebration Set

Celebrate your public lands on Saturday, Sept. 28. Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area will waive fees at participating day-use facilities and have a trail clean-up opportunity in honor of National Public Lands Day.

General admission to The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, Elk & Bison Prairie, and the Golden Pond Planetarium show at 1 p.m. will be free. Also, Wranglers Campground will waive day-use riding fees.

Participate in a trail clean-up at Wranglers Campground from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bug spray, gloves, and lunch will be provided. Use your horse or your own two feet. For more information or to register, call 270-924-2007, register at Wranglers Campground gatehouse, or email [volunteer@friendsofbl.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsofbl.org).

Land Between The Lakes joins other National Forests and National Parks across the United States in participating in our nation’s largest one-day volunteer event for public lands. “Get out and get active on National Public Lands Day,” says Emily Schmadeke, Volunteer Coordinator for the LBL Association. “This is an inspiring way to celebrate public lands and give back to your favorite places.” For more information on volunteer opportunities at Land Between The Lakes, visit [www.friendsofbl.org](http://www.friendsofbl.org).

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Four Turns

1 **ADIÓS, NASCAR** Juan Pablo Montoya will not return to NASCAR next season — nor will he drive for long-time team owner Chip Ganassi. On Monday, Penske Racing announced that it had signed the Colombia native to drive a third car for its IndyCar operation in 2014. He'll team with current Penske drivers Helio Castroneves and Will Power. Montoya, the 2000 Indianapolis 500 champion, has driven for Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series for seven years.

2 **GO WITH WHAT WORKS** On Sept. 12, it was announced that Richard Childress Racing and Furniture Row Racing would continue a technical alliance that provides FRR technology sharing, engineering, research and development and engines from RCR. Furniture Row has parlayed the partnership into a Chase qualification with driver Kurt Busch this season. The partnership began in 2010.

3 **EARLY HOLE** Two of the regular season's most consistent drivers, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Joey Logano, are suddenly mired in the Chase standings. After blown engines, Logano is 11th (-52) and Earnhardt 12th (-53) in the standings, over a full race's worth of points behind leader Matt Kenseth.

4 **TWO OUT OF THREE AIN'T BAD** Kyle Busch came within one finishing spot of a weekend sweep at Chicagoland Speedway. Busch won Friday night's EnjoyIllinois.com 225 Camping World Truck Series race, then dominated Saturday's Dollar General 300 Nationwide event, leading 195 of 200 laps. Busch led 67 laps in Sunday's Cup race, but finished second.

Sprint Cup Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Matt Kenseth (6)	2063	—
2. Kyle Busch (4)	2055	-8
3. Jimmie Johnson (4)	2012	-11
4. Kevin Harvick (2)	2048	-15
5. Carl Edwards (2)	2040	-23
6. Kurt Busch	2040	-23
7. Jeff Gordon	2039	-24
8. Ryan Newman (1)	2035	-28
9. Clint Bowyer	2000	-28
10. Kasey Kahne (2)	2032	-31
11. Greg Biffle (1)	2032	-31
12. Joey Logano (1)	2011	-52
13. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2010	-53

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14. Brad Keselowski	758	-1305
15. Jamie McMurray	747	-1316
16. Paul Menard	720	-1343
17. Martin Truex Jr. (1)	717	-1346
18. Aric Almirola	696	-1367
19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	680	-1383
20. Juan Pablo Montoya	668	-1395

Nationwide Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Sam Hornish Jr. (1)	921	—
2. Austin Dillon	904	-17
3. Regan Smith (2)	885	-36
4. Elliott Sadler	877	-44
5. Brian Vickers	865	-56
6. Justin Allgaier	860	-61
7. Brian Scott	849	-72
8. Trevor Bayne (1)	839	-82
9. Kyle Larson	811	-110
10. Parker Kligerman	768	-152

Truck Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Matt Crafton (1)	609	—
2. James Buescher (2)	568	-41
3. Ty Dillon (1)	550	-59
4. Jeb Burton (1)	539	-70
5. Ryan Blaney (1)	527	-82
6. Miguel Paludo	526	-83
7. Timothy Peters (1)	512	-97
8. Johnny Sauter (2)	499	-110
9. Darrell Wallace Jr.	498	-111
10. Brendan Gaughan	483	-126

Throttle Up/Throttle Down

**RICKY STENHOUSE JR.** After battling through the season's first 25 races without a Sprint Cup Series top 10, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. now has two in a row. The rookie was 10th at Richmond and eighth in Joliet. He sits 19th in the point standings.

**MARK MARTIN** In four races filling in for Tony Stewart in the Stewart-Haas Racing's No. 14 car, Martin has averaged a lowly 17.75-place finish. Martin has consecutive showings of 20th, 25th, ninth and 17th.

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Athlon Spotlight

Statement Win

Matt Kenseth scores win in first Chase race, solidifies favorite status

By MATT TALIAFERRO  
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After the controversial week NASCAR endured, a return to normalcy was welcome. And what better represents normalcy this season than a Matt Kenseth win?

Kenseth tallied his series-leading sixth triumph of the season on Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway, where the sport kicked off its 10-race playoff in the GEICO 400.

While Kenseth's performance in his inaugural jaunt with Joe Gibbs Racing has been far from dominant, it has been as close as any one driver and team have come. The 14-year Cup veteran, along with teammate Kyle Busch (four wins) and rival Jimmie Johnson (four), have combined for 14 wins in the series' 27 events. The three entered NASCAR's Chase occupying the top three spots in the standings, and they remained there after Kenseth's win, Busch's runner-up and Johnson's fifth-place showing.

"I think you have to be really good everywhere to be able to win a championship," said Kenseth, who has five wins on intermediate tracks and one on a half-mile oval in 2013. "I'm really enjoying this win. It's been a record season for me (six wins). I'm obviously the same guy, the same driver — it's about Joe Gibbs Racing, the guys working there, Jason (Ratcliff, crew chief) and the group."

The day got off to an inauspicious start, as the green flag was delayed for over an hour due to rain.

Once racing began, Kenseth, who qualified 10th, took the lead on lap 83 and remained on point for 35 of the next 36 laps. However, his "real-time" on point lasted over five hours, as rain brought the race to a halt on lap 109.

When Kenseth led the field to green just past 10:00 p.m. EST, the complexion of the race changed. Seven engine failures — including those of Chasers Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Joey Logano — slowed the pace and found multiple cars leading laps as green- and yellow-flag pit stops shuffled the running order.

In the end, the two best cars — Kenseth's No. 20 and Busch's No. 18 JGR Toyotas — battled for the win. And the final restart on lap 245 cemented the victory for the former, who lined up along Busch but used a shot of on-track momentum from Kevin Harvick to sail by and assume the lead for good off of Turn 2.

"That push from Kevin got us



Matt Kenseth celebrates his sixth win of the NASCAR Sprint Cup season following Sunday's GEICO 400 at Chicagoland Speedway.  
(Photo by ASP, Inc.)

out in front where we really needed to be," said Kenseth, who cruised to a .749-second win.

Nine of the top-12 finishing spots went to Chase drivers. Kenseth, Kyle Busch, Harvick, Kurt Busch, Johnson and Jeff Gordon comprised the top six. Clint Bowyer, Ryan Newman, Carl Edwards and Kasey Kahne finished ninth-12th. Brad Keselowski and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. were seventh and eighth, respectively.

The week and the weekend was a controversial one for the sanctioning body. On Monday, it penalized Michael Waltrip Racing's three teams, which knocked Martin Truex Jr. out of the Chase, for manipulating the outcome of last Saturday's Richmond race. Newman, in turn, was ceded Truex's Chase slot.

On Saturday, just minutes before Sprint Cup practice, NASCAR held a closed-door meeting with the drivers, crew chiefs and team principals. CEO Brian France, President Mike Helton and Vice President of Competition Robin Pemberton then announced to the media the shocking and extraordinary decision to expand this season's Chase from 12 to 13 drivers by adding Jeff Gordon.

This decision was made, in part, due to radio transmissions discovered during the week between Penske Racing and Front Row Motorsports that added further questions to the legitimacy of the competition at Richmond, and thus, the make-up of the Chase field.

NASCAR also announced revisions to its current rules that address how teams assist competitors in-race.

"(The) technical bulletin ad-

resses the subject of teams artificially altering the outcome of a race and the level of reaction that this will receive from NASCAR," Pemberton said. "We reinforced this issue to the teams in our meeting and conveyed what is considered unacceptable in our officiating of the event."

In addition, NASCAR modified its restart rules and made changes to the teams' spotters and in-race communication, limiting each team to one spotter and eliminating digital communications within the teams.

The announcements — particularly the expansion of the Chase field — were met with confusion from the media, fanbase and even some competitors.

"I'm not even sure what to say at this point," Truex told *USA Today Sports*. "I'm kind of at a loss for words. They (NASCAR) kick me out to make a spot for somebody and then they don't do the same for the other guys. It's just unfair and (there's) nothing I can do about it."

Earnhardt, Gordon's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, was also scratching his head.

"I was probably just as surprised as anybody that anything happened, because we're so far into the week," Earnhardt said on Saturday. "It's just really extraordinary and unprecedented. I don't know what's fair anymore, you know what I mean?"

Even Gordon's protégé, Johnson, was at a loss:

"Through all of this, we're all just looking for consistency. "I'm very happy that Jeff is in the Chase, but in my opinion, there should be 12 cars. One in, one out should be the deal. It's not."

NASCAR nightmare speaks to fatigue, greed

By MATT TALIAFERRO  
Athlon Sports Racing Editor

It was a long, difficult eight days in NASCAR.

At the precise moment when the sport should have been hitting on all cylinders, it misfired, stumbling off the starting grid in its ramp-up to CEO Brian France's coup de maître: The Chase for the Championship.

Manipulated outcomes in last Saturday's transfer race at Richmond; penalties that kicked one driver out of the Chase and waived another in; a second round of under-the-table dealings at Richmond which ultimately opened the door for a 13th Chase participant; a vague and subjective "100 percent" edict; restart and communication rules revisions and a rain-soaked Sunday in Joliet, Ill., that found a France family-owned race-track priced out of NASCAR's

newest, much-ballyhooed innovation: the Air Titan. To say this season's playoff showcase is off to a rough start would be an understatement.

At the same time, NFL-mania has again swept the nation, with millions of fans vested not only in the performance of their favorite team, but specific players on their personal fantasy squad. The NFL kicks off religiously on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. EST. NASCAR's Sunday race coverage starts at noon. Or 1:30. Or 2:00. Or 3:00. It kind of depends on the location.

The rules, the drama, the random start times, the double-talk ... the lumbering nature of it all. It speaks to fatigue.

NASCAR was once wild, outlaw fun. It was a niche and cool. Now it's more than a bit aloof. It's gone corporate, and the money she's-a-flowin' ... so much so that the right pocket wants to charge the left. And

as the great motorsports journalist Ed Hinton once wrote, "Greed does not regress."

It needs to, though. The season should be shortened. "In on Valentine's Day, out on Labor Day" seems about right. If there is a 300-pound gorilla in the room, run away from it. Be out before the NFL is in. Rules should not be re-written as events unfold and — most important — fans should not be patronized.

Those long, difficult eight days — possibly NASCAR's longest — may forever change the sport. But it doesn't have to be for the worse. Common sense, a broad perspective and a dose of genuine benevolence from the leadership could return the sport to its glory.

But the trajectory has been set; there'll be no turning back. How can there be? Corporate America has bought in and the suits have sold out.

Tracks on Tap

SPRINT CUP SERIES

Race: Sylvania 300  
Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway  
Location: Loudon, N.H.  
When: Sunday, Sept. 22  
TV: ESPN (1:00 p.m.)  
Layout: 1.058-mile oval  
Banking/Turns: 12 degrees  
Banking/Straightaways: 2 degrees  
2012 Winner: Denny Hamlin  
Crew Chief's Take: "For a Cup car, New Hampshire is very much a short track even though it's a one-mile track. It's a lot like a big Martinsville and offers some of the more exciting racing from the teams' perspective. Track position is still the order of the day there, and if four or five teams hit on a setup early in practice or unload just right, they're probably going to be tough to beat. It's just hard to adjust on the car — probably because it's only 300-something miles. I think it's a good track to have in the Chase because it offers something really different."

NATIONWIDE SERIES

Race: Kentucky 300  
Track: Kentucky Speedway  
Location: Sparta, Ky.  
When: Saturday, Sept. 21  
TV: ESPN News (6:30 p.m.)  
2012 Winner: Austin Dillon

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

Race: Smith's 350  
Track: Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
Location: Las Vegas, Nev.  
Date: Saturday, Sept. 28  
TV: FOX SPORTS 1 (7:30 p.m.)  
2012 Winner: Nelson Piquet Jr.

Classic Moments

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

If Joey Logano has an affinity for rain, you can't blame him. After all, it was rain — and a little luck — that played the biggest role in helping the young driver score NASCAR Sprint Cup Series career victory No. 1 in the Lenox Industrial Tools 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in June 2009.

With the skies growing darker and looming showers threatening to end the race early, crew chief Greg Zippadelli made the gutsy call to leave Logano on the track in the final laps, at the risk of running out of fuel. When Ryan Newman hit pit road, it handed the lead to Logano, who was being coached to save fuel.

The move paid off, as the Connecticut native was still out front when rain halted the proceedings for good on lap 273 of the scheduled 301.

Logano became the youngest winner in Sprint Cup Series history at 19 years, 1 month, 4 days — more than a year sooner than Kyle Busch, who went to Victory Lane at Fontana in 2005 at 20 years, 4 months, 2 days.

Athlon Fantasy Stall

Looking at Checkers: Hard to look past Jimmie Johnson's three wins and 16 top 10s in 23 starts at NHMS.

Pretty Solid Pick: With three wins at NHMS and a team carrying a ton of momentum, **Kurt Busch** will be a force.

Good Sleeper Pick: Seeing Jeff Burton — with his four NHMS wins — go out on a high note at RCR would be cool.

Runs on Seven Cylinders: This has never been Matt Kenseth's favorite stop, but that may change with Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin sharing their notes.

Insider Tip: New Hampshire is the type of track where a couple teams unload with a great setup and are tough to beat over the course of the weekend. Pay close attention to Friday and Saturday test sessions.



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# State's First Hemp Crop Could Be In Spring '14

By Katie Brandenburg  
Bowling Green  
Daily News

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner James Comer said Sept. 12 he will send a letter co-signed by U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Bowling Green, informing the Department of Justice that Kentucky plans to move forward with the regulation and cultivation of hemp.

The Kentucky Industrial Hemp Commission approved the drafting of the letter during a meeting hosted at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in Frankfort.

The letter will allow the DOJ to voice any objections to the move before further action is taken, Comer said after the meeting.

"We're serious about it," he said. "We're in a race with many other states now. When we began this race a year ago, we were one of the few participants in the race. Now, at least half the states are trying to do some type of legislation to be in the mix for the industrial hemp industry."

Hemp is related to marijuana; both contain the chemical that gives marijuana users a high — tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC — but the trace amounts in hemp aren't enough to produce a high.

Though there were no votes against the measure. Maj. Anthony Terry of the Kentucky State Police said he did not vote and would like clarification on the DOJ memo before any changes are made to Kentucky's approach to hemp.



**KAMERON ORTEN** struggles to avoid a spill as he participates in this water relay in the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell



**CHARLES ABBOTT** moves right along in the sack race at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell



**AUSTIN BRUCE** is moving right along in the sack race at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

KSP is also waiting on an opinion from the Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway on the issue.

Comer said he hasn't had any communication with the attorney general's office about hemp but said he hopes Conway considered the issue fairly.

He said he believes farmers in Kentucky will be able to grow hemp by next year. The cultivation cycle of hemp means that might happen by April.

Last year — when Comer's push for hemp legislation was in its early stages — he didn't expect such a quick result.

"I honestly thought it would be a two-to-five year journey, but we've made a lot of progress in a short period of time," Comer said.

The commission also voted to ask the state Department of Agriculture to start drafting regulations for hemp cultivation during the meeting.

The agency's contract attorney Luke Morgan told commission members that federal documents — including a DOJ ruling in August stating it will honor state laws regulating marijuana sales provided strong regulations are in place — allow the state to move forward with the implementation of Kentucky Senate Bill 50.

SB 50, which passed in 2013, sets up a framework for the growth of hemp.

However, Morgan advised that every opportunity should be given for federal authorities to voice objections.

Farmers shouldn't start growing hemp until they have a contract to sell it, which makes it important to get hemp processors set up, Comer said.



**PHILLIP PARKER** (standing) stops to chat with **Wayne and Rhonda Simpson** at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

## Murray Is Finalist For Friendliest Small Town

By Edward Marlowe  
Murray Ledger & Times

What do Kewanee, Ill., Macon, Ga., Bradenton, Fla., Keokuk, Iowa, and Murray, Ky., all have in common?

They have all been named finalists for the 2013-14 Rand McNally's Best of the Road competition — specifically in the "Friendliest Small Town in America" category.

Different from last year's competition, the process began in July with an online voting scenario which ended on Sept. 3. The finalists of the six categories — also including most fun, most beautiful, most patriotic, best food and best for geocaching — were named Sept. 12 on bestoftheroad.com.

Stephanie Butler, Murray CVB director of marketing, said the next step in the contest involves the coordination of a three-minute video tour of Murray combined with a 100-600 word essay describing why the award

should be presented to the town.

Butler said both the video and the essay are to be submitted to a panel of Best of the Road judges no later than Sept. 27.

CVB staff will work with a local video producer to create the tour, she said.

With online activity playing a pivotal role in determining the winner, the CVB is encouraging all Murray residents to be active with social media — especially over the next two weeks.

Butler said their Facebook page (facebook.com/murraykentucky) and Twitter account (@MurrayKentucky) will serve as a hub for the activity in the following days.

Online content can also come in the form of reviews, which she said can be posted with photos to Murray's profile on bestoftheroad.com.

More information about the competition can be found at bestoftheroad.com or by calling the CVB at 270-759-2199.

# Trail Clean-Up Scheduled At Land Between Lakes

On Sept. 28, Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area will waive fees at participating day-use facilities and have a trail clean-up opportunity in honor of National Public Lands Day.

General admission to The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, Elk and Bison Prairie and the Golden Pond Planetarium show at 1 p.m. will be free. Also, Wranglers Campground will waive day-use riding fees.

Volunteers on foot or on

horseback can participate in a trail clean-up at Wranglers Campground from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bug spray, gloves and lunch will be provided. For information or to register, phone 270-924-2007, e-mail volunteer@friends of lbl.org or register at Wranglers Campground gatehouse.

"Get out and get active on National Public Lands Day," said Emily Schmadeke, volunteer coordinator. "This is an inspiring way to celebrate public lands and give back to your favorite places."



**NICHOLAS JACKSON** makes a quick dash in the relay while trying to hold on to the egg he is carrying at the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 16.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

## Teachers To Be Honored At LBL Sept. 21 And 22

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area offers teachers free general admission to several of its day-use facilities during Teacher Appreciation Week-end, Sept. 21 and 22.

Land Between The Lakes staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the educators in the area for the time and energy they spend educating their students.

"Children are increasingly growing up apart from nature. Our teachers are the key to reconnecting children with the great outdoors," said Sharon Waltrip, LBL's program manager for environmental education. "We

invite teachers to come out and discover all of the environmental and historical education opportunities LBL has to offer."

Program schedules and times are available at <http://www.lbl.org/CALGate.asp>.

Admission to The Homeplace, Golden Pond Planetarium and Nature Station is free for current and retired teachers, home educators and their immediate families Sept. 21 and 22. Bring a letter printed on school letterhead, a school faculty ID or home educator identification to present at each site. Educational materials will be available to take home.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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“Hello, Bureau of Missing Persons?  
I wanna report a waiter . . .”

## by Dave T. Phipps

I GOT THESE AT THE LIBRARY. YOURS IS CALLED, "UNDERSTANDING WOMEN." MINE IS CALLED, "WHAT MEN ARE THINKING"...IT ONLY CAME IN PAPERBACK.

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## ANSWERS To This Week's Puzzles

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2. Dino
3. Roloids
4. Hestia
5. Rome
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7. Constant Reader
8. "Titanic" (Leonardo DiCaprio)
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10. Camp Swampy

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25 Kind of comb	68 Bear, in Mexico	116 Yearbook bit	10 French for "book"	51 Cell body	95 Cartoon shopkeeper
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By Paul G. Donohue, M.D. A pliable tube, the catheter, is advanced from a surface

## Replacing Heart Valve

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 88-year-old father has congestive heart failure and aortic stenosis. His cardiologist suggested transcatheter aortic valve replacement as an alternative to open-heart surgery. I've read overwhelmingly positive reports about this minimally invasive technique.

I feel very strongly that doing this not only would prolong my father's life but also would greatly improve its quality. I would appreciate any help you could give me to alleviate my father's apprehensions. He is very leery about having any surgical procedure. -- J.W.

ANSWER: At 88, your dad probably has health considerations other than his narrowed aortic valve and congestive heart failure. Even if he does, the procedure of replacing his aortic valve without the standard surgical operation places little stress on him and gives him the chance to lead a more active and longer life.

A narrowed aortic valve, aortic stenosis, makes it difficult for the heart to pump blood out into the body. The surgical procedure for replacing that valve involves cutting the breastbone (sternum) so the surgeon can view the heart directly. The transcatheter intervention is done without any incision.

A pliable tube, the catheter, is advanced from a surface artery and threaded into the heart. The valve replacement is attached to the catheter. When the surgeon has arrived at the site for installation, it's accomplished directly with the catheter. This procedure is a godsend for elderly people who might not be able to withstand the rigors of the standard operation.

When people with aortic stenosis develop symptoms, their life span is greatly reduced. If congestive heart failure results from this valve problem, a patient, on average, has only one and a half to two years of life left. And those years are not pleasant. The affected person becomes extremely short of breath even on slight exertion. Valve replacement eliminates the death threat and the breathlessness.

Your dad should reconsider his position. This procedure isn't surgery.

The booklet on congestive heart failure explains this common condition and its treatments. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 103W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE:  
I am 71 years old and have

been told I have DISH, diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis. I am told there is no cure. Will you give me your opinion and advice?  
-- R.B.

**ANSWER:** DISH is something that happens in middle and older ages. It's calcification and bone formation in the ligaments of the back. Bone spurs are part of the picture. Any part of the spine can be affected, from neck to lower back. For many, it causes no symptoms but accidentally is discovered on an X-ray. For others, it's a source of pain and stiffness.

Osteoarthritis, the most common kind of arthritis, has no cure either. Many therapies exist to dull its pain and preserve joint motion. The same goes for DISH. Heat, stretching exercises, Tylenol and the many non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (Aleve, Advil, Motrin, etc.) can make life livable for those with DISH.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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**JOEL MEADOR**, Hopkins County-Madisonville Library Director, cuts the ribbon to officially open the new computer lab at the Dawson Springs Branch Library Thursday, Sept. 12. With him are (from left) **Matthew Hayes**, **Mary Adams**, local librarian, **Dana Nichols**, and **Shannon Garrett**, president of "Friends of the Library."



**ANNA LIPFORD** (left) chats with **Beth Dillingham** at the Dawson Springs Branch Library ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Sept. 12. Several pieces of library furniture have been purchased in memory of **Virginia Davison**, Dillingham's mother.

## Mitchell-Purdy Reunion Scheduled For Sept. 28

The Mitchell-Purdy reunion will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Dawson Springs Community Center. A potluck meal will be served at noon.

All descendants of **Albert Eli Purdy** and **Sarah Jane Davis** and **Jessie James Mitchell** and **Gertie Ann Gamblin** are invited.

For information phone 584-4380.

## Regional College Fair Scheduled For Friday

Madisonville Community College will host the Madisonville Regional College Fair from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at the **Glema Mahr Center for the Arts**.

Participants can visit with college representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities for answers to questions concerning attending a college or university, including admissions, hous-

ing, financial aid, and academic programs.

Representatives from two- and four-year colleges and universities as well as technical schools and military recruiters from across the region will be in attendance.

The fair is open to MCC students and community members. Convenient parking is available.

## Sylvia Thomas Retires As Local Museum Director

**Sylvia Thomas**, who has served as executive director of the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center since April 2006, retired effective Sept. 1 for health reasons.

Thomas said she believes a full-time person is needed to oversee the renovation grant and other activities at

the museum. She expects the board of directors will appoint someone who is able to devote the time needed to run the museum.

Although Thomas will no longer be in charge, she remains interested in the museum's success and will continue to be involved in other capacities.

## Area Veterans Reception Planned At Local Museum

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center will hold a reception from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 28 honoring area veterans and former crew members of the **USS Earle B. Hall**.

The event also includes a

wreath laying ceremony at the monument in Veterans Memorial Park.

The public is invited to attend. Since the museum is currently undergoing renovation, this will serve as the annual veterans' recognition.



**AMONG** those attending the Dawson Springs Branch Library ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Sept. 12, are (from left) **Belinda Hillerich** and **Kathy Nichols**.

## Ausenbaugh Reunion Is Sunday

The annual Ausenbaugh family reunion will be held Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Dawson

Springs Community Center.

A potluck lunch will be served at noon.

## Homemakers Group Meets At Pennyrile Resort Park

The Pennyrile Homemakers met Sept. 13 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, with 14 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by president **JoAnn Edwards**. **Lou Nell Hensley** read the thought of the day, and **Virginia Chaney** gave the devotional in the absence of **Jean Massamore** who has stepped down as devotional leader. **Ruth Buzzard** volunteered to serve in that position until new officers are elected. The minutes were read, and the treasurer's report was given.

The annual Homemakers meeting will be held Oct. 29 in White Plains. The local organization will be in charge of registration.

The lesson on great places in Western Kentucky was given by **Joyce Garrett** and **Doris Franklin**. Several interesting places are located

within driving distance from Dawson Springs. The lesson also revealed that Hopkins was the 49th county to be added to Kentucky after being separated from Henderson County.

A workshop entitled **Sew Simple** will be held Nov. 8 at the Western Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton.

An **Earle B. Hall** exhibit will be held at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center Sept. 28. A wreath laying will take place at Veterans Memorial Park followed by a reception at the museum. The public is invited to both.

The club adjourned for lunch, with **Wanda Hughes** asking the blessing.

The next meeting will be Oct. 11 at the lodge at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. All women are welcome to attend.



**DR. JAY PARRENT**, chief student affairs officer, (right) presents a certificate to **Tiffany Kirkwood**, Student of the Month for September at MCC. With them at the presentation Thursday, Sept. 12, are (from left) **Sharie Davis**, assistant professor of mathematics, and **Lisa Howerton**, dean of academic affairs.

## Tiffany Kirkwood Chosen MCC Student Of Month

Madisonville Community College has announced the selection of **Tiffany Kirkwood** as the Student of the Month for September.

"Tiffany is accelerating through MAT 55. In the first two weeks of the semester, she has completed over half of the course. She has an amazing work ethic and has accomplished more in two weeks than many do in the entire semester," said **Sharie Davis**, a math faculty mem-

ber who submitted the nomination.

Kirkwood is working toward enrollment in the physical therapy assistant program. She is the mother of two children, ages 5 and 2, works as a pharmacy technician at CVS and is enrolled as a full-time student in four courses, including an online course. She chose MCC because of convenience and the flexibility offered with the online course.

## Upcoming Program On KET

Great Performances: The Hollow Crown, a four-part miniseries, assembles four of Shakespeare's history plays — **Richard II**; **Henry IV**, parts

I and II; and **Henry V** — into a single chronological narrative. The mini-series can be seen on KET at 9 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 20 through Oct. 11.



**MAGISTRATE Charlie Beshears** chats with Hopkins County Judge Executive **Donnie Carroll** Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Dawson Springs Branch Library ribbon cutting ceremony.



**ANITA MULLINS** celebrated her 90th birthday September 10 with her daughters **Judi** and **Lori**, along with friends, at a surprise party at the First Baptist Church activity center.





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### Panther Boys Soccer Team

**MEMBERS** of the 2013 Dawson Springs High School boys soccer team and their coach are (front row, from left) Josh Castle, Nathan Bearden, Jordan Adams, John Merideth, Jacob Messamore, Aaron McCune, Tanner Weir, (back row) student manager Courtney Copeland, Steven Bearden, Seth Sisk, Brandon Cunningham, Jon Williams, Dakota Ford, Austin Bruce, Austin Hart and Coach Katie Harris.



### Panther Girls Soccer Team

**MEMBERS** of the 2013 Dawson Springs High School girls soccer team and their coach are (front row, from left) Alyssa Pugh, Tiki Robinson, Allison Gordon, Bradleigh Bruch, Katie Crider, Lindsey Carter, Shelby Loney, (back row) Coach Elizabeth Workman, Kristian Ford, Tori Hooper, Halyn Burden, Savannah Bean, Kayla Bigham, Ashton Coleman, Abby Coy, and student manager C.J. Meredith.



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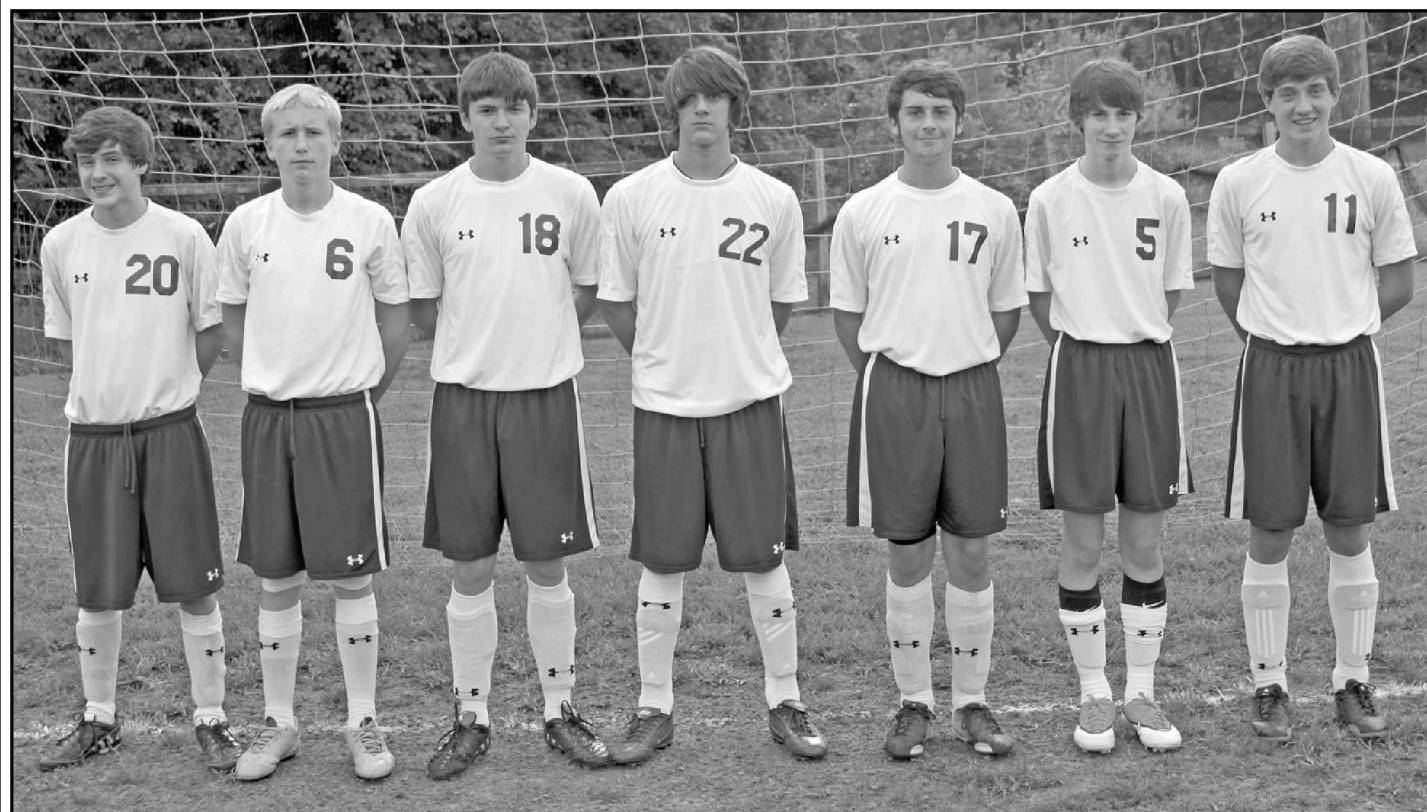
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### Boys Elementary Cross Country Team

**MEMBERS** are (front, from left) Logan McKnight, Matthew Cunningham, Landon Pace, Colton Dismang, Greyson Pleasant, (back row) Ayden Davis, Charles Abbott, Brennen Cunningham, Skyler Clark and Jacob Back.



### Girls Elementary Cross Country Team

**MEMBERS** are (from left) Payton Garrison, Jordan Thomas, Aubrie Gunn, Skyler Garrison, Desiree Hunt and Brooklyn Clark.



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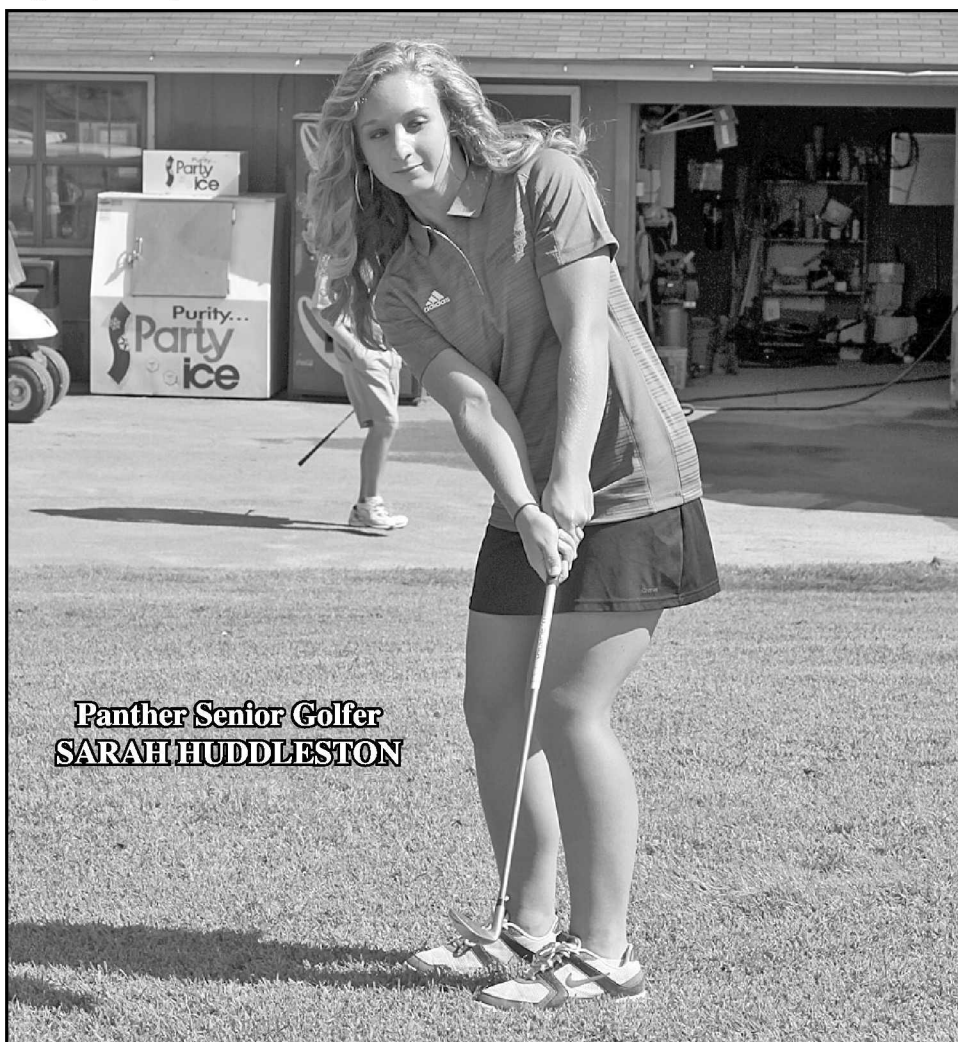
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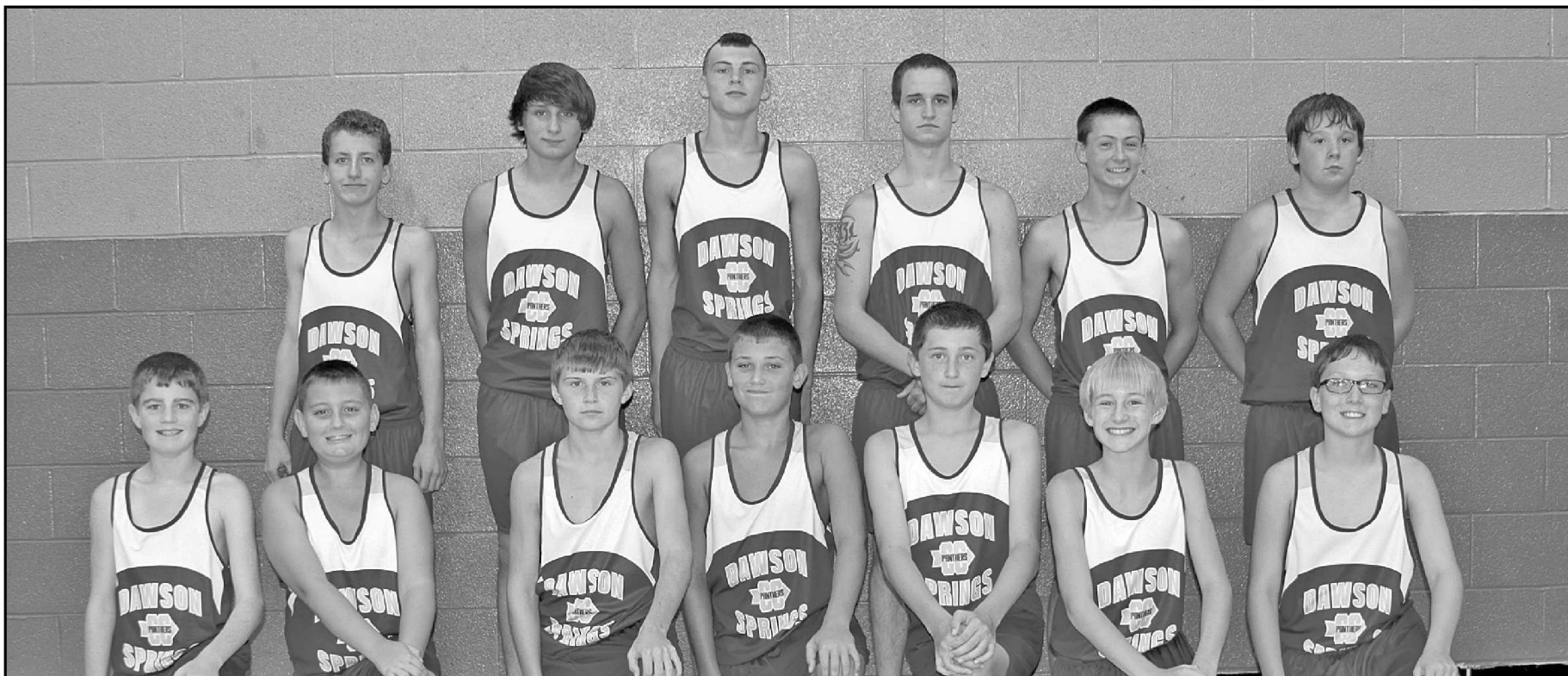
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### Panther Girls Cross Country Team

**MEMBERS** of the 2013 Dawson Springs High School girls cross country team are (front row, from left) McKensi Matthews, Brooklyn Cotton, Alyssa Gilland, Alyssa Dismang, (back row) Sabreyn Pleasant, Allie Mills, Hannah Densmore, Ashton Mitchell, Brittany Paris, Kaylee Simpson and Andie Mills. Not pictured is Paige Hendrix.



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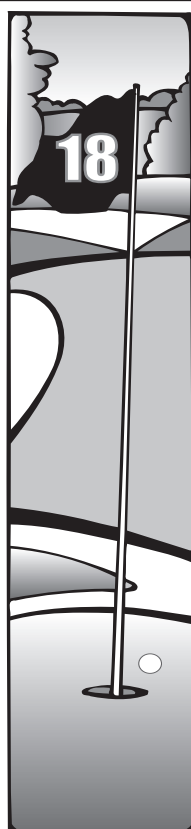
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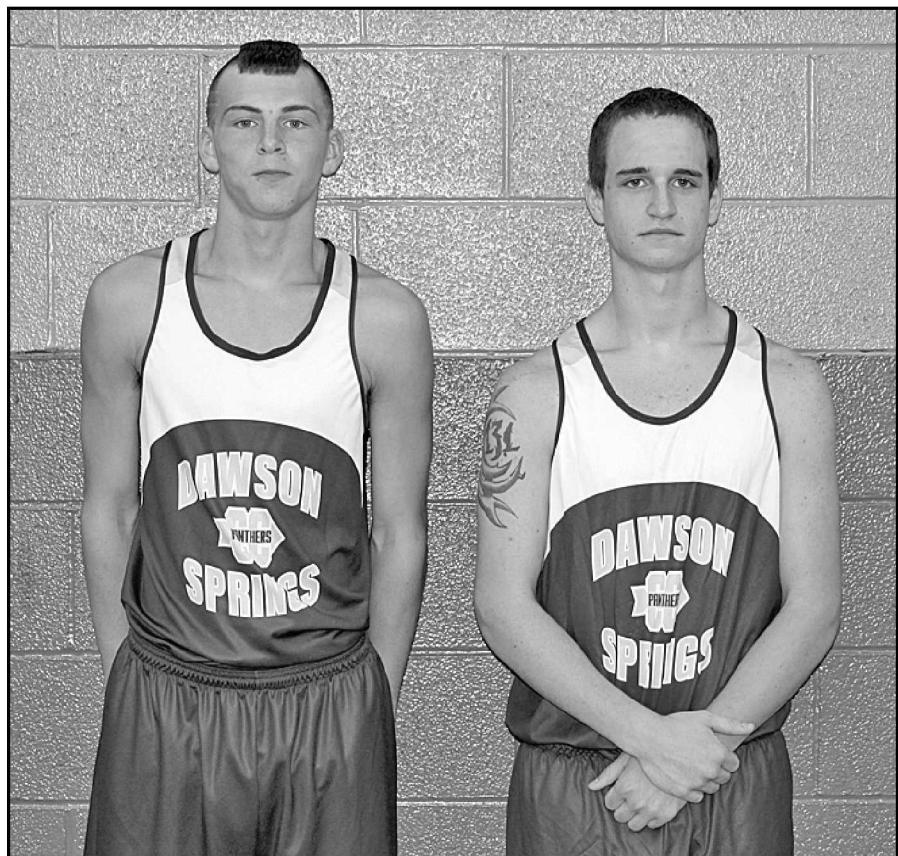


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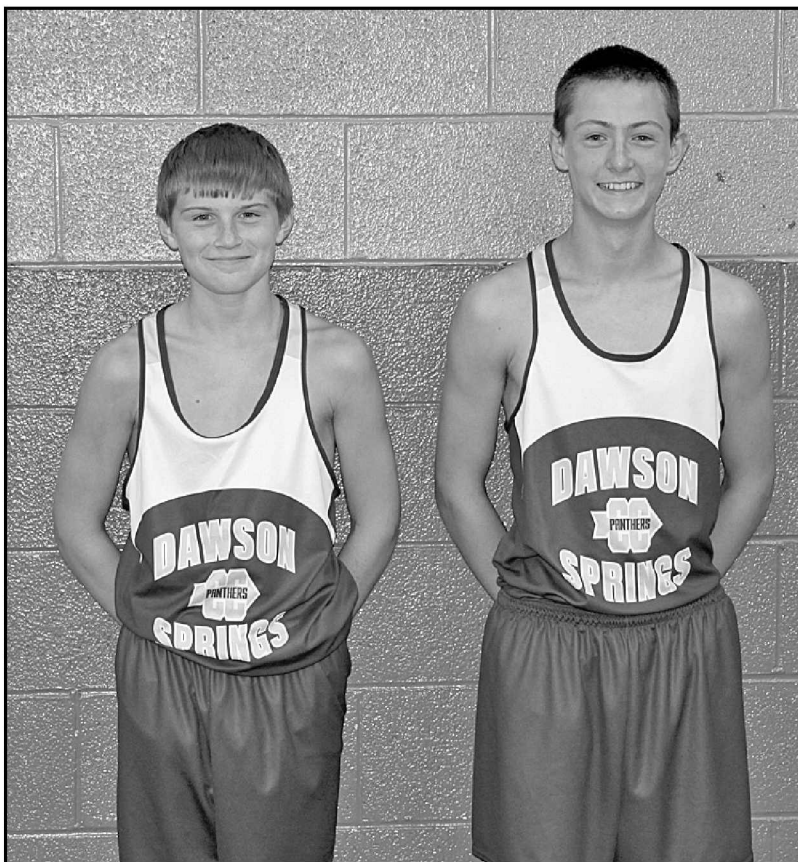


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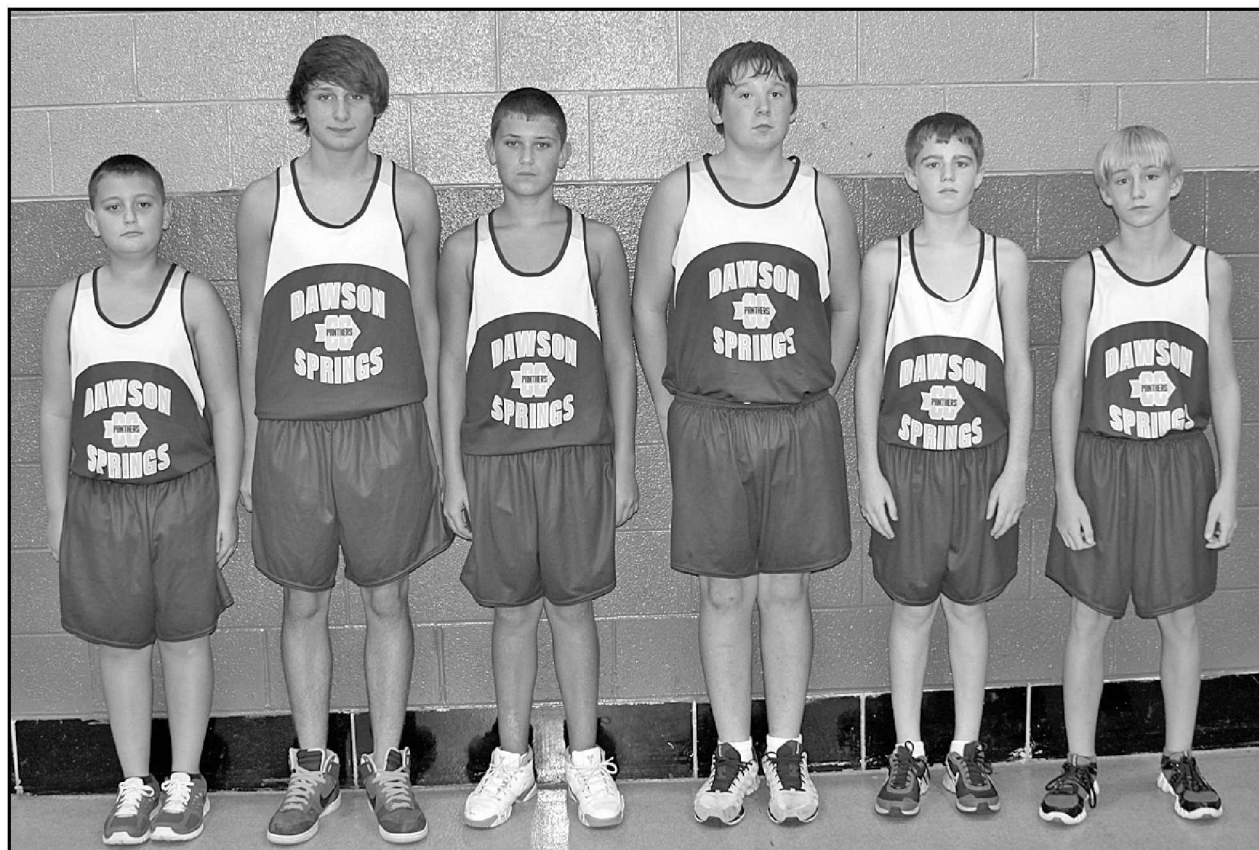




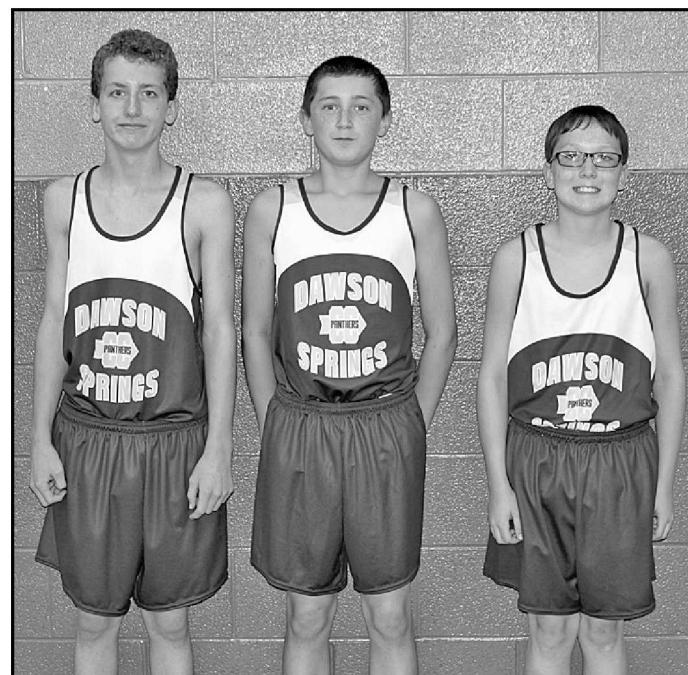
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